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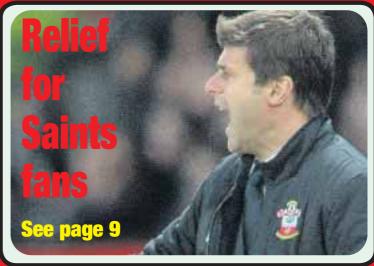
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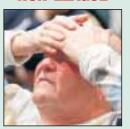
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very helpful manner in which she approached our talks about long term strategy. I am pleased that this matter is now resolved.

"We can now focus 100% on our preparations for next season. We have

make us a very strong Club and it is a unity of which I am unashamedly proud."

The news should also settle the future of manager Mauricio Pochettino, who stated on Thursday that he would quit the club if Cortese were to leave.

Though there was no confirmation in

the statement, this is assumed to include an extended deal for Cortese to

remain as chairman

STAYING AT

Cortese.

SAINTS: Nicola

Premiership Spotlight



Jamie may return

LIVERPOOL defender Jamie Carragher will bring the curtain down on a 16year playing career tomor-row (Sunday v QPR) - but he has not ruled out making a return to the game in a coaching capacity.

The 35-year-old, due to lead the side out on his 737th appearance for the club against QPR, will become a television pundit next season.

However, he accepts nothing will ever replace the buzz of the dressing room and the only job which will come close to that would be as a coach.

"I am sure I will (miss it). I love the dressing room and getting yourself up for big games," he said.

"There is nothing better than being successful and achieving things with your mates – they were great times for us.

"It is very difficult to replace that whatever job you go into.

"The closest is probably coaching and managing so I suppose if I do miss it so much I will look to get back in at some stage."

Manager Brendan Rodgers said he will miss his regular chats with Carragher about football but hoped he would not be lost to the game in the long run.

Chairman Tom Werner has already said the door is always open for the Bootle-born defender to return in some capacity.

Wigan aiming to bounce back

WIGAN'S eight-year spell in the Barclays Premier League comes to an end tomorrow (Sunday), but it will be a moment for pride and not regret according to manager Martinez

The Latics' fate was sealed on Tuesday when they lost 4-1 to Arsenal so, instead of being a winner-takes-all clash, the best Wigan can do in tomorrow's match against Aston Villa is go out on a high.

It has been a momentous week for Martinez's side, who celebrated the best day in the history of the club seven days ago when they beat Manchester City to lift the FA Cup. achievement in the town on Monday evening, and Martinez will not let relegation rain on their parade.

He said: "It's been a tough lesson of

what football is all about – real highs and real lows. In our case it was a real contrast - as high as you can get and as low as you can get.

"Tuesday night was really difficult, Wednesday was a difficult day, but after that you need to (move on).

"The support of the fans has helped. They have let everyone know at the football club that the FA Cup win is a historic win and we'll never lose that, our name will never disappear from

that famous trophy.
"The position in the league is something we can correct, and that's something we have to do as a football club.

"It's a time to look back over the last eight seasons. To have over 300 consecutive games in the Barclays Premier League is an incredible achievement.

"In the last four years we've beaten all the top five teams, we've played everyone eye to eye and I think we've created a phenomenal history for our football club, which means that once the football club will come back at this level, it allows you to have that direction and try to look for a top-10 finish."



ROBERTO MARTINEZ

Robin a gamble

ROBIN van Persie, pictured, is delighted Manchester United got to complete the championship puzzle in Sir Alex Ferguson's last season as a manager.

Looking back, Van Persie's arrival at Old Trafford last summer was one of the most significant signs Ferguson was thinking of calling time on the most successful career British football has ever known writes Simon

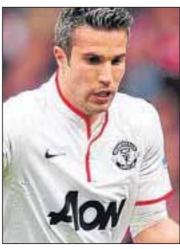
After all, for four years he had been preaching the gospel of "value in the market", then all of a sudden he persuaded the Glazer family to spend £24million on a 29-year-old who only had a year left on his contract with

Given what had gone before, it was

bordering on reckless.
But Ferguson knew the quality he was getting, just as he soon discovered the fierce team ethic that drives the Dutchman, who, barring Gareth Bale smashing the Premier League record for most goals in a game tomorrow (Sunday), will be crowned Golden Boot winner for the second

season running.

And, despite all the glory that has been heaped on Van Persie's shoul-



ders over the past nine months, his instinct remains to spread the load. "This team is unbelievable," Va

"This team is universely, van Persie told MUTV.
"Every team of champions starts with a good atmosphere and the idea that every single person wants to share success and everybody wants

to play their part in it.

"That is how you achieve big things and win trophies. It is like a puzzle that needs to add up so that in the end, the final puzzle means trophies."

There have been hurdles to over-

come.

Defeat on the opening day to an Everton side inspired by United's next manager David Moyes was not in the script, losing at Norwich was also an unexpected setback and, yet again, United were beaten on home soil by Manchester City in the derby.

The latter loss did not matter

For United's form was largely superb, with Van Persie scoring a succession of key goals that allowed them to build an advantage over their main rivals that left them so far in

front it was impossible to pull back.
"It is a long road," said Van Persie.
"You do not win it in one week, it is over a whole year when you have to overcome lots of difficulties in games. "We work day-in, day-out on stuff

you want to achieve in the game. If, in the end, you win the Premier League it is a massive feeling.

"It is not a tournament. You play 38 games, so to win it after 34 says it all. It shows that we were the ones who deserved to win it."

Few would argue with that sentiment, just as no-one who saw the scenes from United's parade on Monday could doubt the city itself is not dominated by Blues as the old myth goes

for a local lad like Danny Welbeck, brought up in Longsight and used to travelling into the place he calls home, the images he saw from the open top bus as it crawled its way up

Deansgate were startling.
"The send-off was unbelievable," he said. "When we came under the bridge at Deansgate it seemed the whole town was painted red.

"People were on scaffolding, hanging out of windows, on lamp posts, bus stops. I was just hoping the scaffolding wasn't going to fall down.

"All the United fans came together that day.

Welbeck reported that his phone "nearly blew up" due to all the congratulatory messages he received at what was his first championship.

This will be a title that provided

Ferguson with the perfect finale to a career that will reach its conclusion at West Brom. "It has obviously been really hard to take for the whole club, not just everyone around the club but the fans also," said Welbeck.

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Premiership Spotlight



Pardew found pressure hard to bear

ALAN PARDEW has admitted he has struggled to cope with the highs and lows of life as Newcastle manager.

The 51-year-old ex-Saints boss was named Manager of the Year by the League Managers' Association after guiding the Magpies to a remarkable fifth-placed finish in the Barclays Premier League last season.

Twelve months on, Pardew heads into tomorrow's final day clash with Arsenal mightily relieved to still be in charge of a top-flight club after a desperate and unexpected fight against relegation which has seen a vociferous minority of fans calling for his head grow significantly both

in number and volume.

Predecessor Graeme Souness famously spoke of the "goldfish bowl" existence of the club's employees on Tyneside, and the Londoner admits his tenure has proved some-

thing of a roller-coaster ride.
Pardew said: "I have been here two
and a half years, and I have probably experienced every emotion you could go through – and that was in the first six weeks.

"But I have been here two and a half years through it all and just sometimes the sensationalism of it all is frustrating as the manager.

"When we do really well, there's a

real over the top reaction and then when it goes the other way, it's the

"We have to accept that that's how it is going to be at this football club and be able to deal with it.

"But this year has taught us how to deal with that side of it when the crit-icism comes, that we need to really batten down the hatches and make sure we get a result whichever way it is to get us back on a run."

Newcastle have learned much during a season which nearly brought a Europa League semi-final appearance, but also saw them commit the cardinal sin of losing at home to arch-rivals Sunderland and concede seven times at Arsenal and six times on their own pitch to Liverpool.

It has been testing to say the least and while simple survival was the bare minimum requirement, the fact that they managed to secure their place in next season's Premier League without having to rely on the shortcomings of others was a minor

consolation for the manager. Pardew said: "We said it was in our hands and we achieved it, which was a good thing. We didn't want to wait for a result at Arsenal v Wigan, so we did it the right way and we did it under huge, huge pressure as well.'

It's only money

THE LEAGUE title may not be at stake tomorrow (Sunday) and the relegation places have all been filled.

It may be ONLY prize money at stake on the final day of the Premier League season - apart from the little matter of European qualification for Chelsea, Arsenal and Spurs.

But, given the difference between 11th-placed Stoke and 17th-placed Sunderland - separated by just two points - is £4.5million, that is not to be sniffed at.

Of the other clubs in those positions, other than the north-east duo, Stoke and Saints clash at St Mary's, twelfth-placed Norwich travel to managerless Manchester City, Fulham in 15th take on Swansea at the Liberty Stadium, whilst Aston Villa, currently 16th, are also on the road at Wigan.

The minor squabble for the bottom two places sees QPR at Liverpool and Reading at West Ham, who may need a win to confirm a top-half-of-thetable spot.

As for Sir Alex Ferguson, he bows out after a phenomenal 26 and a half years in charge as United boss, with a game at The **Hawthorns against West**

Poch Wanting his Oven back

SAINTS manager Mauricio Pochettino believes Michael Owen is one of **England's greatest ever** players, but hopes to ruin his farewell match after falling foul of the Stoke striker at the 2002 World Cup.

The 33-year-old former England striker admitted last year that he was "guilty" of going down when he could have stayed on his feet for both of his penalties against Argentina at the 1998 and 2002 World Cups, writes SIMON PEACH.

The South Americans had the last laugh in the first tournament, but in Japan the act allowed David Beckham to score the only goal in a 1-0

Pochettino was the man whose leg Owen tumbled over in Sapporo and has the chance to exact revenge tomorrow in the striker's last match before he retires. "For me.

he has been one of the greatest England foot footballers and I was unlucky to suffer his skill," the Saints boss said with a smile. "It will be a great pleasure

for me to say 'Hi' to him and meet him as well. Hopefully we can argue about that controversial play that happened in Japan way back.
"Perhaps in the tunnel

going into the dressing room I

will trip him up. "Destiny will be very cruel if he was to score the winner and I don't think that I deserve that to happen to

An appearance for the for-ner Liverpool and Real Madrid striker at St Mary's tomorrow is far from assured at the end of what has been a tough season for Stoke.

Tony Pulis's position as manager has come under question in recent times, but Pochettino was quick to heap praise on the Potters boss.

"I want to highlight the job Tony Pulis has done at Stoke with a different philosophy to the way that Southampton

play," he said. "They fully believe in the way that they play. Again, it is different from the way Southampton

MICHAEL

play and they have carried it throughout this season.

"It is not easy to perform in that manner in the Premier League so I want to congratulate him on a job well done this season

Southampton would finish the campaign above Stoke with victory at St Mary's tomorrow, while there is a possibility of ending the season anywhere from 10th to 17th.

"It is very important that we finish this season with a win," Pochettino said.

"We're in the Premier

League next year and it is very important for us to win to be as high as possible in the

Pochettino has a few doubts for the clash and indicated he may blood in a few youngsters.
"We're looking at Rickie

Lambert and Luke Shaw," he added. "They have not been able to train during the week.

"Luke had a stomach virus and Rickie had a knock on his back, which he has been suffering for a month now.

Hopefully they will be recovered for the game on Sunday.

"Steve de Ridder and Vegard Forren have not been able to train this week also. Adding to that, Danny Fox and Gaston Ramirez are banned from playing. "Perhaps in the game on

Sunday, we will give a chance to a few of the youngsters to get in the squad."



RICKIE LAMBERT: Fitness doubt.



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Dawson desperate to qualify

MICHAEL Dawson is desperately hoping Tottenham will not suffer yet more Champions League

heartbreak tomorrow (Sunday). The only way that Tottenham will qualify for the Champions League in this weekend's final round of matches is if they beat Sunderland at White Hart Lane and the Gunners drop points at lowly Newcastle.

Spurs narrowly missed out on the Champions League two years ago and last year Dawson led the team to fourth place, only to be denied a place at Europe's top table thanks to Chelsea's victory in Munich.

Dawson was also part of the Tottenham team that just failed to qualify for the competition seven years ago thanks to a

dodgy lasagne.
If Spurs beat Sunderland tomorrow they will end with 72 points – a club record in the Premier League era. That will be of little consolation to their captain, though, after the final day turmoil he has suffered at the club since he joined in 2005.



"If we win and get 72 it will be a great season, but it will only be a fantastic season if we get that Champions League spot,"
Dawson, pictured above, said.
"That's what we set out to

achieve at the start of the sea-

"If we can get that number of points then great, but we want to be in the Champions League with the way we missed out on it

Tottenham's 2-1 win over Arsenal on March 3 left the team seven points clear of their rivals but, just like last year, Spurs' form has dipped in the last quarter of the season.

Tottenham have won just four of their eight Barclays Premier League fixtures since that date, with defeats against Fulham and Liverpool taking the team's des-tiny out of their own hands.

On paper, they could have hardly wished for a worse team to rely on than Newcastle.

The Magpies have won just three of their last 10 games and only secured their survival last weekend by beating QPR

Toon boss Alan Pardew hardly seemed up for the game following the win at Loftus Road when he said: "I don't really care if Arsenal (beat Newcastle) 4-0.

He has, however, backtracked on those comments since.

Dawson thinks there may be one last twist in the tale, but he insists his team cannot afford to concentrate on what is happening at St James' Park.



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IT WAS good to see Rafael **Benitez wrap his arms around** the Europa League trophy after a season in which he has suffered unjustified and at times despicable abuse from his own club's fans.

It was good to see Frank Lampard, one of the most influential midfielders of his generation, staying at Chelsea after all, writes Frank Malley.
It was good to see Fernando

Torres scoring in a major final and playing like he used to before a £50million price tag was hung around his neck.

Yet, make no mistake, Chelsea's victory over Benfica in Amsterdam to add the Europa League title to the Champions League trophy they won last season was bad for English football.

It was bad news for all those man-It was bad news for all those managers who believe football's biggest prizes should be reward for patience and meticulous planning and founded on loyalty and trust. Chelsea and owner Roman Abramovich, in particular, are repidly demonstrating that model is little more than however.

is little more than hogwash.

Chelsea won the Champions League last season with an interim manager, Roberto di Matteo, who had been in the job little more than

This season they have won

Europe's second biggest prize with an interim boss in Benitez who has been in charge six months.

Under Abramovich, Chelsea have won 11 trophies in 10 years under nine managers with the average lifespan of a manager at Stamford Bridge just eight months.

Only Carlo Ancelotti and Jose Mourinho have lasted more than a

You can imagine what the Russian billionaire must be thinking as he considers the next move in his 'Playstation' version of the Premier League.

Top of the list is his instincts must

be good. He can sack and sack and keep coming up with the right answers regardless of flouting all the accepted laws of foot-

balling success.
Yet what Abramovich does not get is that the billion or so he has pumped in to Stamford Bridge over the past decade should have brought stability as well as trophies.

It should have built a dynasty which could have dominated British football for a quarter of a century or more.

Abramovich might have every major club trophy

since alighting in west London, but he is still light years away from challenging Manchester United as a pillar of world football.

As Chelsea were winning their latest trophy, Sir Alex Ferguson was giving his opinion on the short-termism which infests the game.

"It's an unusual club, Manchester United," Ferguson told United's television channel MUTV.

"If you look at the behaviour of some clubs, sacking managers left, right and centre... and I'm not naming any one club – it's the whole bloody lot of them.

'We as a club have patience, show trust, show loyalty and it's rewarded. Players stay at Manchester

United. "They love staying Manchester United. They ingrain themin selves **MOURINHO:**

Short-term boss?

whole bloody place." You could, of course, say the same for such as the impecable Lampard and the one-club John Terry and the loyal Petr Cech.

It is not the players who are systematically jetisonned at Chelsea, it is the managers.

And there is no sign it will change.

Does anyone seriously believe that if Mourinho returns next season, as it seems he must, there will suddenly be harmony and a bond between manager and owner which can forge the dynasty the fans

Only those who insist the Earth is flat and the moon made of cream

Mourinho is the epitiome of Mr Short-term.

He is up for a couple of prizes before it all ends again in tears. Yes, the fans singing 'Blue is the

Colour' in the Amsterdam Arena have another trophy and the resilience of the players and the nous of Benitez should be applaud-

However, at the risk of seeming churlish when Chelsea have flown a lone flag this season for English football in Europe, when is Abramovich going to deal in trust and lovalty?

When is he going to put long-term class above short-term gain?

Now that would be something to

Possible play-off at Villa

THE Premier League has announced a contingency plan for a possible third-place playoff between Chelsea and Arsenal at Villa Park on May 26 - but are fervently hoping tomorrow's results will mean it

is not necessary.
The play-off will only take place if results this Sunday mean the two London clubs are equal on points, goal difference and goals scored.

It would however potentially jeopardise Chelsea's two scheduled tour matches against Manchester City in the United States scheduled to be played in the days immediately beforehand.
A Premier League statement

said: "Should a play-off be nec-essary the Premier League has made arrangements for a single match to take place at Villa Park on Sunday 26 May 2013. The match will take place early afternoon with a kick-off time to be confirmed should results require the match to go ahead."

Chelsea are due to play City twice in the USA – with the sec-ond match at New York's Yankee stadium on May 25, the day before the play-off date.

The Premier League state-ment says both the clubs have been consulted.

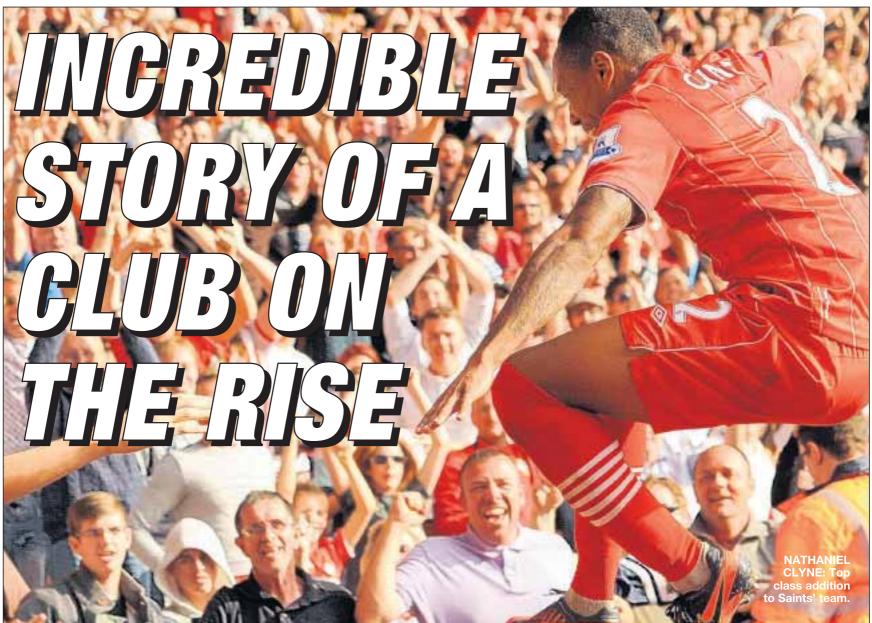
To make it happen, Chelsea would need to draw against Everton and Arsenal to win at Newcastle by a single-goal margin having scored two more than Chelsea – such as the Gunners winning 2-1 and Chelsea having a goalless draw. Tottenham are also in the mix, but, due to their vastly inferi-or goal difference, it would take two miraculous results for Spurs to overtake Chelsea, whom they trail by three points.

"Tottenham and Arsenal both, for me, will try to win," Benitez said. "They play for something really, really important and then it will be different for Sunderland and Newcastle. But still they Sunderland and Newcastle are professionals and they will try to

"The Premier League has consulted with the two clubs consulted with the two clubs throughout the process of planning for this potential match with all parties in agreement that, should it be required, it should take place as soon as possible after the end of the season," said a statement. "Discussions with Londonbased stadia did take place as part of that process but limited

part of that process but limited availability and calendar restrictions, combined with wanting to use a large capacity ground that has experience in organising and delivering neu-tral matches, meant Villa Park was the most suitable choice." Tickets will be allocated

equally between each club and will be priced at £20 and £30 with concessions for children and senior citizens priced at a 50 per cent reduction.



AND so the season ends, not so much with a bang more a soft thud as Wigan, rather unsurprisingly, are dismantled by Arsenal at the Emirates.

It's the way of the football fan that only in the addled grey lumps we call brains could a club that has consistently been in the bottom three all season, be even considered for a shock away win at a club desperately looking for three points to cement a Champions league place.

league place.
Yet, if you listened to conversations in pubs and online, Wigan's shock FA Cup win was a sure fired sign they could beat the Gooners and forge a last-gasp escape to Premiership safety.

It was complete and utter *******
wasn't it?

At the end of the day the league doesn't lie and, whilst on occasions Wigan have played good football, they are where they are for a reason.

They just weren't good enough. They earned their place alongside Reading and QPR. You can only be unlucky so long before ability gets in the way and relegates you.

With a little bit of luck the final day of the season will see Harry Redknapp propping up the Premier League with his Harry Houdini act in tatters which, along with Pompey getting relegated rock bot-

BEAUTIFUL

LUKE SHAW: Full

is England

back, right, who

class.

tom again, makes for a yet another cracking season for us Saints fans.

We've been spoilt the last three years, let's be honest. We won our first bit of silverware under Pardew, took League One and The Championship by storm and played some of the best football I've ever seen as a Saints

We couldn't possibly carry on that form could we? Could we?

A start to the season that saw us play both

Manchester teams and Arsenal by September told you we were in for a rough ride and, apart from a disappointing defeat at home to

efeat at home to Wigan and an absolute stuff away to

Arsenal, we showed we could match anyone if our tails were up. Four goals against City and United told you that.

It took time and it probably wasn't until November that we started to hit our stride and slowly edge out of the relegation zone.

In all honesty, it wasn't until we snatched a late draw away to Chelsea and pummelled Manchester United at Old Trafford, that I really believed we could strive towards mid table and that we really deserved to be here in the Premier League.

Apart from iffy results against QPR and West Brom, you'd be hard pushed to fault the second half of Saints' season.

It's when you look at the team sheet that you realise the scope of Southampton's 2012/2013 season.

The spine of the squad hasn't really changed that much since League 1.
You have Fonte in defence, Schneiderlin

You have Fonte in defence, Schneiderlin and Lallana in midfield and Ricky Lambert up front. For these players to be near everpresents in the Premier League is an incredible achievement.

The additions from last season have simply added more bite to an already competitive squad.

If you look at the evolution of the squad,

look no further than the full back position.

Dan Harding was for us a competent and determined defender, he was replaced by

determined defender, he was replaced by Danny Fox who was a step up, who has now lost his place to Luke Shaw who looks a future England prospect. At right back you had Ryan Dickson, then

At right back you had kyan Dickson, then Frazer Richardson and now Nathaniel Clyne, another player who looks like an England international. It's evolution mixed with revolution. It makes our survival in

the Premiership all the more impressive, the fact that, come close of play this Sunday, Saints could very well be 10th is nothing short of astonishing.

short of astonishing.
As I write this I'm made all too aware that it will be 10 years to the day that Saints contested the FA Cup final against Arsenal.

It wasn't a classic game, it won't live long in the memory other than being an enormous wall of yellow and blue.

It was the starting block of an incredible journey for Southampton football club culminating in 14 different managers, four chairman, two owners, two relegations and two promotions.

The fact is that, as we watch Sunday's

The fact is that, as we watch Sunday's game against Stoke, we should take stock of the amazing journey we've taken.

A journey of absurd lows and astonishing highs, of a football club that failed by not trying to cheat its way forward and buy success but by perhaps being too frugal, too timid, too scared to take the steps the new board have taken.

Success is rarely achieved by playing it safe and, under Nicola Cortese, you can safely say that second best has rarely been an option. Safe has rarely been a option. Enjoy the game on Sunday, and when you

Enjoy the game on Sunday, and when you applaud the team at the end of the game, stop for a moment, take a deep breath and cast your mind back to Wembley 2003 and the rise and fall and rise of this remarkable football club. Enjoy the moment, savour the moment. You've earned it...

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EXCLUSIVE column on all things football The Saints legend's

EAM OF THE SEASON

WITH the Premier League drawing to a close this weekend, it is that time of the year when I pick my team of the season.

As always, there have been numerous outstanding performers, but the squad I have chosen is a well-balanced team featuring some of the campaign's biggest contributors.

I have chosen players who I not only hope would complement each other well, but who have featured for most, if not all, of the season.

In goal, I have opted for Aston Villa's Brad Guzan, who I have

been particularly impressed with. He is tenacious and brave, and has been behind a horrendous defence at times, certainly early on in the season.

Without him Villa, whose back-line has leaked like a sieve on occa-sions, would have been relegated five or six weeks ago.

Manchester City's Joe Hart has had a moderate year, as has Manchester United's David de

Gea, although he has got better.
So, for an all-round and consistent performance from a goalkeeper, the American has done very

At right-back, I have chosen City's Pablo Zabaleta, who is the

ultimate professional.

He is a player who can do it all, getting forward but also defending to an extremely high standard. He has got vast experience and has had a really steady season. He maybe has lost a yard, but there are not many right-backs you would look at and say they are the equal of him.

I want to also mention the little man at right back for us, Nathaniel Clyne, who I would certainly put

in the top five at that position.

At left-back, Leighton Baines is the stand-out performer and is similar to Zabaleta in terms of

what he gives you.

Him and his Everton teammate, Steven Pienaar, are the best left-wing combination in the country. Of course, with Baines, you also

have the added bonus of his ability from free-kicks, and the quality of his delivery means he has been one of the top assist providers from defence this season. In central defence, I don't think

there is a great deal of depth across the division.

If there's one problem in the Premier League right now it is that defensively we may have fallen behind in Europe. Our clubs need to do better.

But, having said that, Manchester City's Vincent Kompany is as good a player as you will get in the centre of defence, and he has again been excellent.

The other one I have been extremely impressed with in that TERRY PAINE'S PREMIER LEAGUE **TEAM OF THE SEASON**



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BALE

I HAD the pleasure of hosting Southampton's awards night this week, and what a fantastic occasion it was.

I was given a great reception by everyone, and it was a pleasure to work with Sky's Ed Chamberlin, who was also host-ing the night and who I hadn't realised is a big Saints fan.

I was very impressed with the whole evening and the atmosphere was wonderful, especially as Premier League survival was mathematically ensured during

the event.

I had the real sense that the people who turned up appreciate what is happening at the club and where it is heading.

It is always a nice occasion to reward players for their work and it is interesting to see

if the fans and the players are on the same wave-length, which they were,

Morgan Schneiderlin winning both player of the season

I was also pleased for Jason Puncheon, pictured, who won the goal of the season prize for his effort in the 2-2 draw at Chelsea - the one that I voted for. He's a young man who has scored some important goals this season.

When you vote in these kind of awards, you have to look at a goal that means something, which that one did.

position is Tottenham's Jan Vertonghen. He is left-footed, a big and strong player, who can be an asset when he ventures forward.

I like the balance of having a

right-footer and a left-footer, so that when the opposition go down the channels you are defending on our natural side.

When it comes to midfield, I have picked Theo Walcott on the right.

Regular readers of my column will know he has long been a favourite of mine, and he has got better this past season.

He has only recently turned 24

and has scored 21 goals this season, so he has had a great return. You need pace out wide and he has got plenty of it.

On the other wing, Gareth Bale speaks for himself. Yet again, he

has been sensational, and I do prefer him out on that side.

Against Southampton earlier this month, when he played centrally in the first-half, I barely knew he was playing, because he never got a kick.

I always think if your team isn't allowed to play that you simply can't get the ball in a central position, whereas if you're out wide you can get your back to the line and can always receive it. His ability from dead-ball situations is also

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In the middle, I have picked Yaya Touré, of Manchester City. He is big, strong and powerful, and on his day he can be a big difference.

You can play him just behind a front two or you can play him defensively.

His movement is great, he's box-to-box – he's as good as there is in the league.

Alongside him, I have put in outhampton's Morgan Southampton's Schneiderlin.

He has enjoyed a great year and is a much better box-to-box player than he used to be.

He gets the ball and plays it beautifully, as he has always done, but now he joins in more and wants to get on the end of things.

I could have put Chelsea's Frank Lampard in, but because of his stop-start season he has missed a lot of time.

When you have a look at my mid-

field, it's very adaptable. Walcott can go on the left, Bale can go out right, or if you wanted to take out somebody you could put Bale in behind the front two.

But I like balance, with a right-footer down the right and a left-footer down the left, so that's why I picked those particular wide men, because of the balance they give you.

Up front, I have ignored Luis Suárez's recent indiscretion and picked him.

The Liverpool striker has had a great season and there is a touch of

class about his play.
Where he disappoints many people, of course, is his temperament, but his football has been outstand-

ing.
I'm looking forward to seeing his partnership with Daniel Sturridge developing next season, because that could be some combination.

Alongside Suárez is Manchester United's Robin van Persie.

What can you say about him? He was a 29-year-old who had experienced plenty of injury problems, but Sir Alex Ferguson plunged in and bought him for £22m and his goals were the differ-

ence in them winning the title.

The combination of those two
players, the top scorers in the division, would cause a lot of damage.

There were others in contention too. Christian Benteke, at Aston Villa, is one that I really do like. For me, he's the next big thing, and

he has to move on this summer. He's a young man, just 22, and he's got a rough edge to him – he knocks people about – so I like him. He's an extremely good play-

All in all, I am pretty happy with my team. I certainly don't think we would have a problem scoring goals anyway!

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SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2012/13

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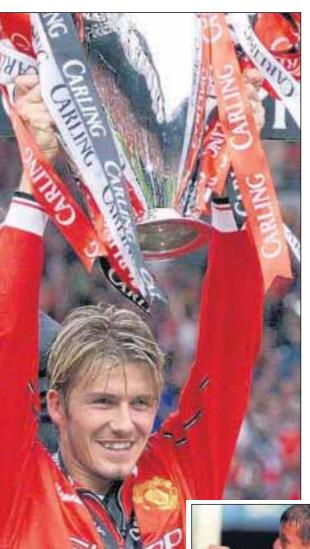
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Adam Rant



This week's big talking points with Adam Leitch

Was Becks best – even at United?



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BEST: Set play

maestros David Beckham, top, and

Matt Le Tissier.

OF ALL the footballing retirements this weekend, it seems the best player of the lot has flown a little under the radar.

David Beckham of course grabs the headlines, having spent a long career in the glare of the media spot-

Of course, much of that spotlight was initially sought, even if it proba-bly has become somewhat of a burden as the years have rolled by.

His achievements are somewhat overshadowed by that. People can forget the player in amongst the celebrity of it all – he's become as famous for hawking underwear and fragrances as he is for football.

Beckham has apparently been a little hurt by some of that, but you can't take the cash and then complain. From a sporting point of view what we can say is that he was a very good player. That he is England's most capped

is more a comment on the era he played in and the large number of friendlies than it is on his standing amongst the greatest English players of all time.
For all anybody wants to say about

Beckham, one thing that was vastly overlooked was that he was always a hard worker.

Other high profile players in the past with something of celebrity lifestyle have so often gone off the rails away from the pitch.

Beckham though has always been consummate pro, and he deserves recognition for that.

Aside from that work ethic, there is no doubting that he is an excellent crosser of the ball and of course he was very good from set plays. Still, anybody who says the best ever from set plays gets short shrift from Adam Rant, and no doubt plenty of

others who used to watch Matt Le Tissier in his pomp. retirees Michael Other

include Owen who promised so much, burned bright so young, but has fizzled away.

It's a career where you cannot honestly criticise Owen for has taken place.

However, you can say that for such talent and with the way he burst onto the scene you would have thought his achievements would have been greater than they eventually

At the other end of that scale is Jamie Carragher.
The centre half is a one-club man

and has made the most of what he

He might well be disappointed not to have won more in his career, certainly more England caps, but he cannot be anything other than delighted that he fought so hard to get to where he got.

But the best of the lot is the one

leaving with the least fuss - Paul Scholes.

He is not flashy, he seems from the outside to be a pretty unremarkable character, but what a footballer. The best English player of his gen-

eration? Quite possibly.

That Scholes actively avoided the That Scholes actively avoided the limelight, that he quit international football so young, has kept him remarkably low profile for somebody who played for Manchester

But that range of passing, early in his career a real goal threat, was a joy to behold.

In the car on the way back from Sunderland last weekend Adam Rant and his colleague, Gordon Simpson, were attempting to whittle away the hours by discussing the best performance we had seen from an opposition player against Saints this season.

In amongst all the obvious ones Tevez at Man City, Suarez at Liverpool, Van Persie at St Mary's, Adam Rant came up with Scholes in that same St Mary's match.

He only came on midway through the second half but changed the

United got the ball into his feet and he was simply brilliant.

He's been described as the footballer's footballer and maybe that's why his exit seems comparatively low key but perhaps most glowing.



PAUL SCHOLES

Poch a relief for Saints fans

MAURICIO Pochettino has played a high risk game this week but it will be a sense of relief to the vast majority of Saints fans that he is to stay as man-

There was no room for misunderstanding Pochettino's words - he was quitting Saints if Nicola Cortese was to leave his role as executive chair-

The move surely applied pressure on the club's owner to agree reach a compromise with Cortese over future plans for Saints, even if we don't yet know what they are.

Cortese's threat to walk out may alone have been enough,

but Pochettino's departure too would have destabilised a club that is moving forward, and maybe that was one step too far for the multibillionaire owners. who know business

Pochettino staying will also, of course, come as a boost to worried fans.

He has not yet reached the stage where his services are indispensible, having only been at the club a matter of months and with the side sat probably about where they would have been under Nigel Adkins.

Also his comments have raised a few eyebrows from fans somewhat bemused as to why his loyalty should not be to the club first and foremost rather than one individual employed within it. However, there is no doubt he has looked hugely promising as a manager.

The brand of football he is bringing to Saints is genuinely exciting, he in himself is charismatic and dynamic, and there is a sense he will be very good for the club in the long run.

While Cortese staying is attracting some of the headlines amongst the national press, Pochettino remaining in place will be at least as important for supporters.

Nadal comeback may be THE one

RAFAEL Nadal is in line for one of the greatest sporting comebacks of all time. The Spanish tennis great missed more than six months with a knee injury that had been bothering him for some time before that.

To have come back in the manner in which he has is frankly remarkable.

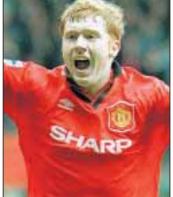
Adam Rant was lauding Ronnie O'Sullivan recently for his return to the sport of snooker after virtually a year out to successfully defend his world title. That was incredible, but pales into insignificance compared to what Nadal

O'Sullivan hadn't lost the talent, and so needed to get his head back into match play mode.

Nadal hadn't lost his talent but the physical aspect of the game, which in his case is one of his biggest assets,

had to be fought for all over again. Whether he will ever be fit enough to sustain challenges away from the clay courts we will discover in due course.

But, if he can now build on this and go on to win the French Open, it will be something almost beyond belief.



Saints Spotlight

Saluting all those one club SANTS SAFE FROM

wonders

WITH Paul Scholes hanging up his boots this week, the SPORTS PINK looks at some of football's other great one-club

TONY ADAMS

Centre-back Adams, widely considered as "Mr Arsenal", Adams, picturd below, became the club's youngest-ever captain when he assumed the armband in the 1987-88 season at the age of 21. He retained it until his retirement at the end of 2001-02 season the second campaign in which he won a double with the Gunners, among his overall total of four top-flight titles and three FA Cup triumphs.



JIMMY ARMFIELD Like Adams, Blackpool's Armfield skippered both his club and England. The fullback made his Seasiders firstteam debut in 1954 and his final appearance came in 1971, by which time he had played over 600 games for

FRANCO BARESI

Baresi, the sweeper in a famous AC Milan defence, enjoyed a 20-year senior career with the Rossoneri, during which time he became cap-tain and the Italian giants won six Scudettos and three European Cups. Retiring in 1997, he had also been part of the Italy squad that triumphed at the 1982 World Cup, and later skippered his country.

STEVEN GERRARD

Another captain of both club and country, current England and Liverpool skipper Gerrard made his Reds debut in 1998-99 - two seasons after Carragher - and has gone on to become one of the greatest players in the Merseyside outfit's history. So often the team's inspiration, the midfielder has collected one Champions League, one UEFA Cup, two FA Cup and three League Cup winner's medals.

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Simon Carter

MANY Saints fans grew up watching their club battle for their top flight lives on the final day of a Premier League season.

That was also the case when Saints went down in 2004/05.

But this weekend, for once, there

will be no last-day nerves.
Saints' point at Sunderland last
Sunday was enough to virtually guarantee the club another season milking Rupert Murdoch's cash

Wigan's defeat at Arsenal two days later mathematically secured Saints' survival.

Here, the Sports Pink relives some of the drama of former seasons

1959/60

Going into the last day

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Saints Norwich					104 79		
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Final day results: Norwich City 3 Chesterfield 0. Saints 2 Bradford City 0. Coventry 1 Reading 1, Bury 1 Grimsby 1

How they finished

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1 82 54	59
2 97 75	52
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Saints had already assured themselves of promotion back to the second tier by the time they welcomed Bradford City to The Dell for the final game of the 1959/60 season.

But Ted Bates' side were determined to go out on a high, and their

2-0 victory ensured they lifted a divisional title for what remains the only time in the club's history.

Had Saints lost, they would have

finished second as Norwich would have claimed the title instead.

1965/66

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Going into the last day									
•	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts		
Man City	41	22	14	5	76	44	58		
SAINTS	41	22	9	10	85	56	53		
Coventry	42	20	13	9	73	53	53		
Huddersfield					62				
Bristol City	42	17	17	8	63	48	51		

Result: Manchester City 0 Saints 0

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Man City	42	22	15	5	76	44	59
SAINTS	42	22	10	10	85	56	54
Coventry	42	20	13	9	73	53	53

Huddersfield 42 19 13 10 62 36 51 Bristol City 42 17 17 8 63 48 51

TENSE FINALE: Lawrie McMenemy and

terraces prior to the final game of the

Keith Burkinshaw appeal for calm on the

1977/78 Second Division season at The Dell.

Saints travelled to Maine Road to face champions Manchester City with promotion all but assured

The 1-1 draw at Orient a week earlier ensured that Saints would be promoted to the top flight for the first time ever – unless they lost 6-0 or more at Maine Road.

Had they done so, Coventry would have gone up on goal average instead.

As it turned out, Saints rarely looked like conceding any goals in

1973/74

Going into the last day

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Chelsea					56			
Tottenham	39	12	13	14	41	49	37	
Coventry					40			
West Ham					53			
Birmingham	41	11	13	17	50	63	35	

SAINTS	41	10	14	17	44	68	34
Man Utd	40	10	12	18	38	46	32
Norwich	40	7	15	18	36	57	30

Final day results: Birmingham 2 Norwich 1, Coventry 3 Arsenal 3, Everton 0 Saints 3, Manchester United 0 Manchester City 1, West Ham 2 Liverpool 2.

How they finished

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Coventry	42	14	10	18	43	54	38
Chelsea	42	12	13	17	56	60	37

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SAINTS	42	11	14	17	47	68	36
Man Utd	41	10	12	19	38	47	32
Norwich	41	7	15	19	37	59	29

SAINTS knew that a final day victory at Everton might not be enough to keep them in the top flight – and that is how it turned

Goals from Peter Osgood, Mick Channon and Brian O'Neil gave Saints an impressive 3-0 success at Goodison Park

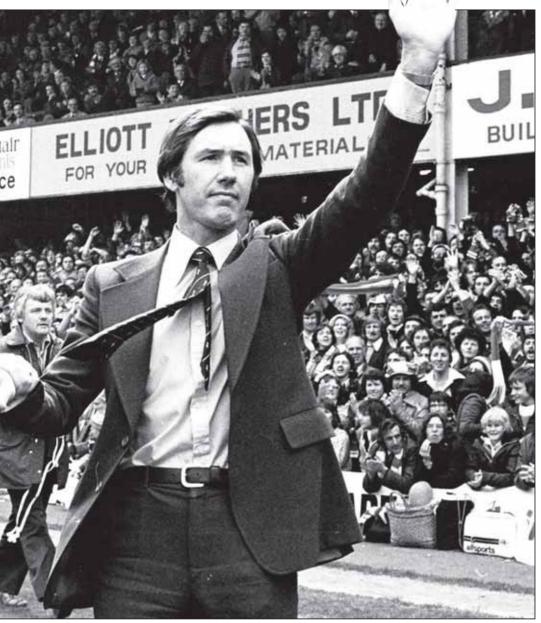
But Birmingham's home win over rock bottom Norwich saw Saints become the first club to ever finish third bottom of the First

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LAST DAY NERVES



Division and go down.

1977/78

Going	into	the	last	day
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_	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Bolton	41	24	9	8	63	33	57
SAINTS	41	22	12	7	70	39	56
Tottenham	41	20	15	6	83	49	55
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41 21 12 8 61 37 54 Brighton Blackburn 41 16 13 12 56 55 45

Final day results: Bolton 0 Fulham 0, Brighton 2 Blackpool 1, Burnley 2 Luton Town, Crystal Palace 5 Blackburn 0, Saints 0 Tottenham 0.

How they finished

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Tottenham	42	20	16	6	83	49	56

Brighton 42 22 12 8 63 38 56 Blackburn 42 16 13 13 56 60 45

THOUGH Saints went into their last game at home to Spurs already promoted, opponents Tottenham needed a point to ensure they went up as well.

A goalless stalemate saw both clubs celebrating on the final whis-tle, while Brighton missed out on goal difference.

1983/84

Going into the last game

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Liverpool	42	22	14	6	73	32	80
N Forest	42	22	8	12	76	45	74
Man Utd	42	20	14	8	71	41	74
SAINTS	41	21	11	9	63	37	74
QPR	42	22	7	13	67	37	73

Final day result: Notts County 1

How they finished

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Liverpool		22	14	6	73	32	80
SAINTS	42	22	11	9	66	38	77
Nott Forest	42	22	8	12	76	45	74
Man Utd	42	20	14	8	71	41	74
QPR	42	22	7	13	67	37	73

With one game remaining, Saints were fourth and already assured of continued on page 12

their highest ever finish in the old First Division.

But with the rest of the league having completed their programmes, they knew victory at relegated Notts County would take them into runners-up spot.

In front of a paltry crowd of 6,035

- can you imagine a Premier League game being watched by such a small attendance ever again? – Steve Moran fired Saints into an early lead.

Though Notts levelled, Moran restored the visitors' advantage in the second half with his 21st league goal of the season.
David Armstrong clinched run-

ners-up spot for Saints with a third

Strangely, the second, third and fifth placed clubs that season all won the same amount of games as champions Liverpool.

1992/93

Going into the last day

Saints Sheff Utd Ipswich C Palace	41 41 41	13 13 11	11 17 10 18 16 14 16 14	51 50 48	57 51 54	50 49 49
Oldham Mboro Nott Forest	41	11	10 19 10 20 10 21	51		43

Final day results: Arsenal 3 Crystal Palace 0, Ipswich 2 Nottingham Forest 1, Middlesbrough 3 Norwich 3, Oldham 4 SAINTS 3, Sheffield United 4 Chelsea 2.

How they finished

Leeds SAINTS Oldham	42 42	12 13	15 11	15 18	57 54 63	62 61	51 50
C Palace Mboro Nott Forest	42	11	11	20	48 54 41	75	44

Though Saints were safe from the drop, they could send last-day rivals Oldham down if they avoided defeat at Boundary Park.

For their part, Joe Royle's Latics knew that not even a win might be apply to easy them.

enough to save them.

As it turned out, though, Oldham's 4-3 victory was enough to secure their status as Crystal Palace went down instead after losing at Arsenal.
Oldham led 4-1 at one stage

before Matt Le Tissier set up a nervous finish by completing his hat-trick six minutes from time.

1993/94

Going into the last day

SAINTS Sheff Utd Ipswich	41 41	12	6 23 18 15 15 17	46 40	63 57	42
Everton Oldham Swindon	41	9	8 22 12 20 15 21	41	67	39

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RYAN GIGGS

The Welshman who burst on to the scene with Manchester United in the early 1990s as an exciting young winger continues to be an important player at the age of 39, albeit in a central midfield role. Giggs is the most decorated Premier League player in history, having won 13 titles, and also has four FA Cups and two **Champions League triumphs** among the host of honours on

MATTHEW LE TISSIER

It has often been said that Le Tissier should have plied his trade for a bigger club such was his talent, but the England playmaker, pictured below, opted to spend his entire career with Saints, scoring a hatful of goals - several of which will live long in the memory - in a stint that lasted from 1986 to 2002.

NAT LOFTHOUSE

Lofthouse, who died in 2011, is perhaps best remembered for his exploits for England, most notably the battling effort he made to score in a game against Austria, which earned him the title of 'the Lion of Vienna' - one of 30 goals he netted in 33 caps. The centre-forward was also prolific for Bolton, who he scored 285 goals for between 1946 and 1960 and captained to FA Cup glory in 1958.



PAOLO MALDINI

Defender Maldini, who played for club and country alongside Baresi and succeeded him as captain, made his AC Milan debut in 1985 and retired in 2009 with seven Scudettos and five European Cups to his name.

GARY NEVILLE

Right-back Neville, part of the same crop of youngsters at Manchester United as Giggs, brought his time as a Red Devils player to an end with his retirement in 2011, having made over 600 appearances for the club, served as captain and won 85 England caps.

PAUL SCHOLES

Scholes was another member of United's famed 'Class of 92'. The former England mid-fielder retired in 2011, only to reverse his decision last season, and he has made than club appearances prior to this weekend when he too will bow out once again.

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FROM LAST DAY DELIGHT

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Final day results: Blackburn 0 Ipswich 0, Chelsea 3 Sheffield United 2, Everton 3 Wimbledon 2, Norwich City 1 Oldham 1, Swindon 0 Leeds 5, West Ham 3 SAINTS 3.

How they find Man City Everton SAINTS Ipswich	P 42 42 42	9 12 12	18 8 7	15 22 23	F 38 42 49 35	49 63 66	Pts 45 44 43 43
Sheff United		_	18			60	42
Oldham	42	9	13	20	42	68	40
Swindon	42	5	15	22	47	100	30

Saints went into the last game at Upton Park knowing they could go down if they failed to win.

They were within seconds of managing victory, as a Matt Le Tissier double and a Neil Maddison header put them 3-2 up. Ken Monkou's late own goal, though, gave West Ham a point.

Saints were safe, however, and it was Sheffield United who went down after conceding a late winner

Everton had looked doomed after falling 2-0 down at home to Wimbledon, but recovered to win

1995/96

Going into the last day

Sheff Wed Coventry SAINTS	37 37	10	9	18 16	47 42 34	60 60	39 37
Man City QPR Bolton	37	9	6	22	31 38 38	54	33

Final day results: Arsenal 2 Bolton 1, Coventry City 0 Leeds 0, Manchester City 2 Liverpool 2, Nottingham Forest 3 QPR 0, SAINTS 0 Wimbledon 0, West Ham 1 Sheffield Wednesday 1.

How they finished

	Р	٧V	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Sheff Wed	38	10	10	18	48	61	40
Coventry	38	8	14	16	42	60	38
SAINTS	38	9	11	18	34	52	38
Man City	38	9	11	18	33	58	38
QPR	00	_	c	α	20	E 7	22
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A real nailbiting finish to the season saw Alan Ball's Manchester City relegated instead of Saints.

Famously, Ball instructed his side to keep possession during the final stages of City's draw with Liverpool as he believed Saints were losing to Wimbledon.

1996/97

Going into the last day											
•	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts				
Everton	37	10	12	15	43	55	42				
SAINTS	37	10	11	16	50	55	41				
Sunderland	37	10	10	17	35	52	40				
Mboro	37	10	11	16	50	59	38				
Coventry	37	8	14	15	36	53	38				
Nott Forest	37	6	16	15	31	54	34				

Final day results: Aston Villa 1 Saints 0, Everton 1 Chelsea 2, Leeds 1 Middlesbrough 1, Newcastle 5 Nottingham Forest 0, Tottenham 1 Coventry 2, Wimbledon 1 Sunderland

How they finished

	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Everton	38	10	12	16	44	57	42
SAINTS	38	10	11	17	50	56	41
Coventry	38	9	14	15	38	54	41

Sunderland 38 10 10 18 35 53 40 Mboro 38 10 12 16 51 60 39 Nott Forest 38 6 16 16 31 59 34 Middlesbrough deducted 3 points

Saints knew they could go down if they lost heavily at Villa Park while Middlesbrough won at Leeds.

As it was, Bryan Robson's Boro went down after they could only draw at Elland Road.

That completed an unwanted hattrick, with Boro also losing in both the League Cup and FA Cup finals.

1998/99

Going into the last day

•	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Wimbledon	37	10	12	15	40	60	42
Coventry	37	11	8	18	37	49	41
SAINTS	37	10	8	19	35	64	38
Charlton	37	8	12	17	41	55	36
Blackburn	37	7	13	17	37	51	34
Nott Forest	37	6	9	22	34	69	27

Final day results: Charlton 0 Sheffield Wednesday 1, Coventry 2 Leeds 2, Liverpool 3 Wimbledon 0, Newcastle 1 Blackburn 1, Nottingham Forest 1 Leicester 0, Saints 2 Everton 0.

How they finished

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Coventry	38	11	9	18	39	51	42
Wimbledon	38	10	12	16	40	63	42
SAINTS	38	11	8	19	37	64	41
Charlton	38	8	12	18	41	56	36

Blackburn 38 7 14 17 38 52 35 Nott Forest 38 7 9 22 35 69 30

Saints or Charlton were battling to avoid the final relegation place come the last day of what has gone down in Saints' folklore as the Great Escape season.

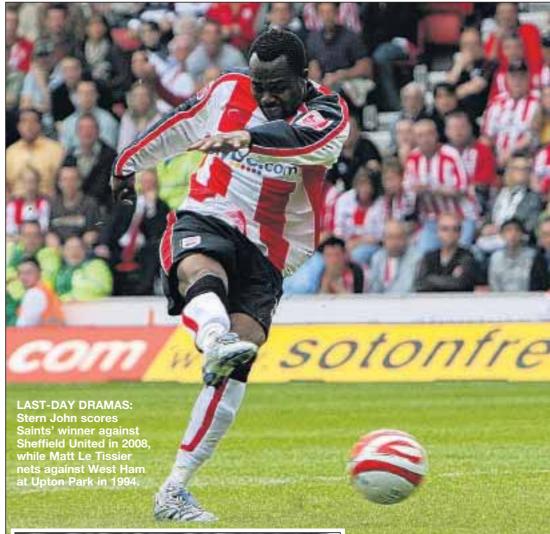
Two Marian Pahars goals against Everton saw Dave Jones' men to safety, while Charlton lost at home to Sheffield Wednesday

1999/2000

Going into the last day

SAINTS Derby Wimbledon	37 37	11 9	8	18 17	F 43 44 46	62 53	41 38
Bradford Sheff Wed Watford	37 37 37	7	7	23	37 34 34	70	28

Final day results: Bradford City 1 Liverpool 0, Chelsea 4 Derby 0, Sheffield Wednesday 4 Leicester 0, Saints 2 Wimbledon 0, Watford 1 Coventry 0.





How they finished

D P W **12 8 18 45 62 44** 9 11 18 44 57 38 **SAINTS**

Bradford 38 9 9 20 38 68 36 Wimbledon 38 7 12 19 46 74 33 Sheff Wed 38 8 7 23 38 70 31 Watford 38 6 6 26 35 77 24

Though Saints were easily safe come the final day, Dell opponents Wimbledon needed victory to ensure their own survival. But the Dons' fairytale was over

as they went down due to an as they went down due to an inability to win at Saints coupled with Bradford's dramatic victory over Liverpool.

So ended Wimbledon's 14-year run in the top flight of English football, and kickstarted a chain of events which would see the club

events which would see the club moved to Milton Keynes and stripped of its identity four years

2004/05

Going into the last day

SAINTS	37	6	14	17	44	64	32
Norwich	37	7	12	18	42	71	33
Pompey	37	10	9	18	43	57	39
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts

C Palace 37 7 11 19 39 60 32

Final day results: Saints 1

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TO LATE, LATE DESPAIR...





Manchester United 2, Charlton 2 C Palace 2, Fulham 6 Norwich 0, West Bromwich Albion 2 Pompey 0.

P W D D L F A Pts 9 19 43 59 39 38 10 Pompey 6 16 16 36 61 34

7 12 19 41 62 33 7 12 19 42 77 33 **6 14 18 45 66 32** Norwich **SAINTS**

SAINTS would have stayed up had they beaten Manchester United on the final day of the season.

But instead their 2-1 loss - after Harry Redknapp's side had taken the lead - led to them finishing bot-

tom of the Premier League.
West Brom made history by starting the final day bottom of the table, yet ending outside the drop

To no-one's real surprise, the Baggies defeated Portsmouth 2-0 while three results elsewhere all went in their favour.

2006/07

Going into t							
	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Birmingham	45	26	8	11	67	41	86
Sunderland	45	26	7	12	71	47	85
Derby	45	24	9	12	60	46	81
WBA	45	21	10	14	74	55	73
Wolves	45	21	10	14	55	55	73
SAINTS	45	20	12	13	73	52	72
Stoke	45	19	15		61	40	72
Preston	45	21	8	16	63	53	71

Final day results: Derby County 2 Leeds United 0, Leicester City 1 Wolves 4, Luton Town 0 Sunderland 5, Preston North End 1 Birmingham 0, QPR 1 Stoke City 1, SAINTS 4 Southend 1, WBA 7 Barnsley 0.

How they finished

Sunderland Birmingham	46	W 27 26	7	12	F 76 67	47	88	
Derby WBA Wolves SAINTS	46 46	22	10 10		81 59	46 55 56 53	76	
Preston Stoke			8 16	16 11	64 62	53 41	74 73	

SAINTS needed to beat relegated Southend at St Mary's to finish in

the play-off zone.

Though they fell behind early on,
George Burley's men hit back to win 4-1 and ensure their sixth placed finish.

2007/08

P W D

Going into the last day

		vv	\sim			/ \	1 10
Barnsley	45	14	13	18	52	62	55
Blackpool	45	12	17	16	58	63	53
Coventry	45	14	11	29	51	60	53
Sheff Wed	45	13	13	19	50	54	52
Leicester	45	12	15	18	42	45	51
SAINTS	45	10	15	18	53	70	51
Scunthorpe	45	11	12	22	43	66	45
Colchester	45	7	16	22	59	83	37

Final day's results: Blackpool 1 Watford 1, Cardiff City 3 Barnsley Ö, Charlton 4 Coventry 1, Scunthorpe 3 Colchester 3, SAINTS 3 Sheffield United 2, Stoke City 0 Leicester 0

How they finished

Barnsley Blackpool SAINTS Coventry	46 46	14 12 13 14	18 15	16 18	59 56	65 64 72 64	54
Leicester Scunthorpe Colchester	46	11	13	22	42 46 62	69	52 46 38

SAINTS were in the drop zone as they entered the last game of the season at home to Sheffield United.

But they avoided the drop due to a dramatic 3-2 victory coupled with Leicester's failure to win at Stoke, whose point guaranteed them automatic promotion.

Stern John scored twice for

Saints before being sent off for a second bookable offence.

Saints fans invaded the pitch at the end amid emotional scenes, with manager Nigel Pearson

2010/11

Going into the last day PWDLFAPts

Brighton	45	28	10	- /	84	39	94
SAINTS	45	27	8	10	83	37	89
Huddersfield							
Peterborough	45	22	10	13	101	75	76
MK Dons	45	22	8	15	65	59	74

Final day results: Huddersfield 4

Brentford 4, Notts County 1 Brighton 1, Peterborough 5 Dagenham 0, SAINTS 3

How they finished PWDL FAPts

Brighton SAINTS					85 86		
Huddersfield							
Peterborough	46	23	10	13	106	75	79
MK Dons	46	23	8	15	67	60	77

THE celebrations had already started prior to Saints' final game of the season.

The only way they could fail to go up automatically was if they lost at home to lowly Walsall while third placed Huddersfield won by 17 goals at home to Brentford.

As it was, Huddersfield couldn't even win their game and Saints were back in the second tier.

2011/12

Going into the last day

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Reading	45	27	8	10	69	39	89
SAINTS	45	25	10	10	81	46	85
West Ham	45	23	14	8	79	47	83
Blackpool	45	20	14	11	77	57	74
Birmingham	45	19	16	10	76	51	73
Cardiff	45	18	18	9	64	52	72

Final day results: Birmingham 2 Reading 0, Crystal Palace 1 Cardiff 2, Millwall 2 Blackpool 2, SAINTS 4 Coventry 0, West Ham 2 Hull City 1.

How they finished PWDL FAPts

Reading SAINTS					69 85		
West Ham	46	24	14	8	81	48	86
Birmingham	46	20	16	10	78	51	76
Blackpool	46	20	15	11	79	59	75
Cardiff	46	19	18	9	66	53	75

SAINTS entered the final game of the season knowing victory against Coventry would see them return to the Premier League after a highlyeventful seven-year absence.

They couldn't have wished for better opposition as Coventry had already been relegated, and weren't expected to cause Nigel Adkins' men too many troubles.
And so it was, with Saints romp-

ing to victory thanks to goals from Billy Sharp, Jose Fonte, Jos Hooiveld and Adam Lallana

top flight goodbyes

SOME of the Barclays Premier League's strongest relationships will be severed on Sunday as a number of the game's greatest names opt to ease into retirement or chase a fresh challenge. Here we run the rule over those who will be waving the fondest of farewells after the final game of the season:

SIR ALEX FERGUSON: Ferguson will take charge of **Manchester United for the** 1500th and final time on Sunday when they face West **Bromwich Albion at the** Hawthorns.

DAVID MOYES: Moyes struggled to contain his emotions when he bade farewell at Goodison Park last weekend, with the Scot confirmed as Ferguson's successor at United. He will leave Everton for the last time after Sunday's trip to Chelsea.



RAFAEL BENITEZ: He delivered the Europa League trophy as his parting shot, but there is no Stamford Bridge future for Benitez, pictured above, who will join Moyes in waving goodbye on Sunday.

PAUL SCHOLES: Scholes joins his boss in retiring after Manchester United's trip to West Brom on Sunday. It is a fitting time to finish for a player who was one of Ferguson's greatest tri-

PHIL NEVILLE: Despite being weaned at Old Trafford, Neville won over the Everton fans during eight years at Goodison Park but he has already announced that he will be taking on a fresh challenge next season. Injury is set to rule him out of the Blues' final game at Stamford

MICHAEL OWEN: The former Liverpool star failed to hit the heights during his final few seasons with Stoke, but the game will still miss him -Sunday represents a last chance to make a final senior appearance.

JAMIE CARRAGHER: Carragher has become part of the Anfield furniture and that is unlikely to change even after the evergreen defender ends his 17-year playing career with Liverpool this weekend.

Time for League 1 play-off final ... League 1 play-off final MOORE GETS HIS

SIMON Moore was the toast of Brentford - and probably the Isle of Wight as well - when his dramatic penalty save earned the Bees a 5-4 shoot-out victory over Swindon and a place in Sunday's League One play-off final against Yeovil at Wembley.

Moore, who cut his teeth in Island and Sydenhams Wessex League soccer with Brading Town as a 16-year old, has been showered with plaudits ever since Bank Holiday

That was when he dived low to his left to save the third penalty of the shoot-out by Swindon sub Miles Storey and give Brentford a key advantage which they took to set up their trip to the national stadi-

was absolutely buzzing after making that save. It was a fantastic feeling," Simon said.
"My Twitter account went ballis-

tic.
"I've got 3,595 Twitter followers and I was inundated with messages of praise, which took me hours to filter through.

"It was a surreal experience, but

one I'll treasure for a long time.
"It just happens to be my birthday
on Sunday – so what a present it
will be if we win at Wembley and make it through Championship." to

Goalkeeping is certainly in the genes of the Moore family: his father Phil was a prominent keeper in non-league days with Newport, Fareham Town and Road Sea.

And younger brother Stuart, who is on Reading's books, has spent the past season on loan at Bashley.

Redress

The 22-year-old Moore was in the youth academy system at Southampton and played non-league football for Brading Town and Basingstoke Town before becoming Brentford's first choice goalkeeper at the start of the 2012/13 season.

That culminated with Uwe Rosler's side finishing third in the log behind Doncaster Rovers and ABC Bournemouth, and reaching

the play-offs.

Moore would have gone up automatically had Brentford not missed a last minute penalty in the final game of the season at home to Doncaster.

The visitors promptly broke downfield and scored the goal that clinched them the title at Bournemouth's expense.

Moore's appearances for Brentford include the 1-0 Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final 2011 defeat by Carlisle United – a result which he'll want to redress this weekend.

Last November, Moore signed a long-term contract to stay at Griffin Park until the summer of 2016 - and now he's back off to the national stadium for a second time.

Simon has been a good friend of

The Isle of Wight's Simon Moore plays arguably the biggest game of his fledgling soccer career for Brentford in this weekend's League One play-off final at Wembley. Richard Wilson, a close friend of Simon's since junior school days, reflects on his great mate's sporting career so far ...



mine since our days together at junior school, before we went to Sandown High School on the Isle of

Watching on television, I felt a nervous wreck as Simon faced Storey from 12 yards – and then leapt of the armchair when he saved it.

At that point, it seemed an age ago that I met Simon as a nine-year old when, initially, we teamed up to play cricket for the Isle of Wight.

He was a very decent off-spin cricketer – playing with cricketer – playing with Hampshire's Danny Briggs - and golfer, which I'll come on to later. With his footballing talents devel-

oping at the Southampton Academy, Simon hung up his bowl-ing boots before following is his father Phil's footsteps and making his Brading debut at the age of 16. Playing for Brading under his

dad's guidance, Simon regularly played for Hampshire Under 18's before signing for Farnborough Town, where he hardly played.

Now at 6ft 3", with his goalkeeping prowess developing rapidly, Moore jokes that much of his progress was made weekly, on Tuesday nights, during a social 5-aside indoor kick-about we'd attend

After signing for Brentford,

Moore was sent out on loan to Basingstoke Town, a vital experi-ence for him – and one he hopes younger brother Stuart will also benefit from.

Stuart, 18, third in the Moore southern League campaign this season.

Treading an identical path as his older brother and father, Simon tries to help Stuart as much as pos-

"He is still very young as a goalkeeper, but getting as much pitch **SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013**

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time as he can is crucial for his

development," he said.
"I try to give him as many tips as possible, but it's very hard to pass on a lot of the mental stuff you gain through experience.

"I know I'd have been a far better player myself when I was his age if I'd known the psychological stuff I

"As long as he keeps working as hard as he can and plays regularly, I have no doubts that he will end up

where he wants to be."

Much to the Brentford fans delight, Moore signed a new contract last January to keep him at Griffin Park until 2016. Rumours had surfaced of both Championship and Premier League clubs wanting his services.

Moore has even been linked with Manchester United, but has his eyes firmly locked on victoagainst Yeovil.

"That rumour makes me laugh. It is very flattering, but I want to keep

playing for Brentford and secure promotion," he said. "I am very happy here and want

to play regularly and continue my development. Former England and Pompey

goalkeeper David James, who was capped 53 times, has tipped Moore to go on and play for his country.

"There is a significant lack of English goalkeepers and it's something I think about a lot and something that frustrates me a lot,' James said.

"The longer Simon stays in the Brentford side, the larger his dot on the radar becomes."

"He has produced a number of impressive performances – including in the FA Cup clashes with Chelsea, when a nationwide television audience watched him in

In his formative teenage days, and even on the cricket pitch, Moore transferred his keeping skills into his game as he painfully remembers a misjudgement whilst field-

ing at cover in one Island match.
"The ball bobbled slightly, but I still managed to get a strong knee behind it. I

was in so

m u c h pain

that I had to be dragged off of the pitch," he smiled. Having recovered from numerous cricket-related bumps and bruises, we share

> CHILDHOOD **COLLEAGUE:**

a fond memory of what we recall as 'the greatest ball of all time'.

A handy off-spin bowler, who played at Shanklin's delightful Westhill ground, I had the pleasure of keeping wicket to Simon, who was not only an economical bowler but also the Isle of Wight's leading wicket taker on several occasions.

Playing at district level, Simon tossed up an uncharacteristically loose delivery which, had it not deviated, would almost certainly have been signalled as a wide ball.

As the ball pitched, it spun about four feet and crashed into the stumps.

It was Muralitharan-esque.

"I don't know how that happened.
I never turned a ball that much!" Simon fondly remembers.

With Simon and current Hampshire and England man Briggs bowling in tandem, the Isle of Wight side boasted a spin attack to be reckoned with.

Moore has also always enjoyed a

round of golf and managed to reduce his handicap to 12 when playing regularly.

During free-periods at Sandown High School, we'd often hop the fence to the golf course, find a few balls that'd been hit out of bounds

and then hit on the practice field.

He was able to broadcast his talents earlier this week when the squad took a trip to the 2010 Ryder Cup venue, Celtic Manor, on the outskirts of Newport in south

Using all of his experience of the ninth hole at Sandown and Shanklin Golf Club, Moore finished runner-up in a 'closest to the pin' competition.

"I put it to three foot, but one of the other lads got within inches! I couldn't believe it; gutting!"

Having been friends with Simon for almost 15 years – long since before social media was even thought of – I'll be in the stands supporting him at Wembley.

I'll be hoping that my mate can once again, to comply with the times, be a '#hero'.

Owen's trophies & titles

MICHAEL Owen - who bows out of football at St Mary's this Sunday - won all three major trophies in England during his career, highlighted by Liverpool's treble success in

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look the contribution he made to the titles his clubs won:

2001 League Cup - Liverpool 1 Birmingham 1 (Liverpool won 5-4 on pens)

Owen was an unused substitute as he won his first major trophy with Liverpool following a penalty shoot-out win over Birmingham at the Millennium Stadium.

2001 FA Cup - Liverpool 2 Arsenal 1

Owen almost single-handedly kept Liverpool on course for their treble-winning season as he scored twice in the final seven minutes to snatch away victory after Freddie Ljungberg's opener.

2001 UEFA Cup - Liverpool 5 Alaves 4 (after extra time) Started as Liverpool secured the treble in a memorable contest at the Westfalenstadion in Dortmund. Despite the goalfest Owen was unable to get his name on the scoresheet before being substituted on 78 minutes.

2001 UEFA Super Cup -Bayern Munich 2 Liverpool 3 Owen scored the decisive third goal as Liverpool raced into a 3-0 lead before holding on for a 3-2 win against the Champions League winners in

2001 European Footballer of the Year

Owen won the Ballon d'Or for his exploits that year, beating the likes of Raul, Oliver Kahn and David Beckham to the

2003 League Cup - Liverpool 2 Manchester United 0 Ensured Liverpool's second League Cup success in three years with the game's second goal on 86 minutes after Steven Gerrard's first-half

2010 League Cup - Aston Villa 1 Manchester United 2 Owen scored a 12th-minute equaliser, but had to be replaced just before half-time after suffering a hamstring

injury as he won a medal in his debut season at Old Trafford.

2011 Barclays Premier League Lifted the Premier League title for the first time with Manchester United. Owen scored twice in 11 appearance - enough to earn him a winners' medal.

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Saying Farewell to Becks

DAVID Beckham made his professional debut on September 23, 1992, as a substitute in Manchester United's 1-1 league cup draw at Brighton.

Just over 20 years, 19 trophies and 100-plus England caps later, the 38-year-old has decided to call time on his playing days.

Below is the breakdown of Beckham's club-and-country career.

(All club stats, league games only)

Manchester Utd (September 1992-July 2003): Matches -265; goals - 62

Preston (February 1995-March 1995): Matches - 5; goals - 2

Real Madrid (July 2003-July 2007): Matches - 116; goals

LA Galaxy (July 2007-December 2012): Matches -98; goals - 18

AC Milan (January 2009-May 2009): Matches - 18; goals - 2

AC Milan (January 2010-May 2010): Matches - 11; goals - 0

Paris St Germain (January 2013-May 2013): Matches -9; goals - 0

England (September 1996-October 2009): Matches -115; goals 17

The 38-year-old scored many vital, as well as spectacular goals, and here THE SPORTS PINK assesses some of his most memorable contributions.

June 2006, England v
Ecuador: Beckham became
the first England player to
score at three World Cups
when he fired the national
team into the quarter-finals
in 2006. It had been a less
than convincing World Cup
by England and they were
again thankful to Beckham,
who stepped up for a freekick on the left wing and
somehow curled it over the
wall and squeezed it inches
inside the post despite the
goalkeeper getting a hand
on it.

April 2003, Man United v
Real Madrid: The titans of
Europe came together at Old
Trafford again in what
proved to be a truly memorable encounter. Beckham
was left on the bench for 63
minutes with Real leading 32 thanks to a Ronaldo hattrick. However, Beckham
was introduced and within
eight minutes hit a superb
free-kick to drag United
back into the game.

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final - is braced for working within strict

"There's no secret, it will be the smallest

budget in the Football League, but James accepts that and knows that he's got to be a little bit clever," he said.

"Our budget will probably be around half a million pounds, which is what it needs to

Over budget

be for us to be able to operate and keep

"It's not a lot different to last season.

although we probably went over budget a

"But I think it's really important that we do stick to budget this year going forward,

for the 2013/14 season – just to make sure that the club can operate, the club can pay bills and keep the taxman up to date and

keep everybody happy."
Player and staff wages suffered a delay last season, while a £10,000 payment to

the taxman fended off an attempted winding up order in March. That is the sharp reality of life in the lower

divisions, a world away from the Premier League where Beattie made his name and

some of the biggest names in English foot-

Heys believes the £500,000 budget will

help to avoid his club avoid similar financial problems arising in the future, and is confi-

where £500,000 is a monthly wage for

dent Beattie is up to the challenge of

ball these days.

financial parameters.

Big positive

or working for Accrington Stanley but what

we do offer is the opportunity to move on.

"We've shown that in the past with play-

ers that have moved on and played at a

higher level.

Accrington were able to attract former Premier League players Nicky Hunt, who spent 10 years with Bolton, Francis Jeffers, who joined Arsenal from Everton in an \$\text{Smillion}\$ move in 2001, and Beattie himself last season to boost their first for survival.

Former boss Leam Richardson's friendships and contacts in the game were influential in securing those signings.

ential in securing those signings.
Heys believes Beattie – who scored six
League 2 goals last season in 25 appearances will have a similar impact, and
encouraging those who were on the books
last season to stay.
"That was a big positive towards keeping

"That was a big positive towards keeping James on," he said.
"He knows all the players, he's been a

"He knows all the players, he's been a part of that dressing room and seen what that dressing room has to be to keep punching above our weight.

"He commands respect because of what he's achieved in the game, and I think what he'll do as a manager as well is to continue to command respect."

Beattie has confirmed that he will continue to work with existing backroom staff Paul Stephenson, who will be his assistant manager, and first team coach Paul Lodge.

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SaintsSpotlight



Ex-Saint James wants to win League 2 with his new Accrington Stanley side

NEW Accrington Stanley boss James Beattie has targeted the League Two title – setting the bar high in his first managerial job.

The 35-year-old former Saints ace, who was recommended by former manager Leam Richardson to succeed him in the role, is mindful of how bold his statement might appear to the outside world.

But after helping the Reds rally against relegation to survive in the Football League, Beattie is preparing to get a squad together that he believes he can challenge at the top end.

"The targets this year will be to go up as champions. Some people might laugh at that but you've got to aim high," said the man who is Saints' second highest Premier League marksman (with 68 goals)

behind Matt Le Tissier.
"The players that I'll bring in will be able to get us as close to that as possible.

"Since the news got announced I've had probably 10 players ring me up and said 'I want to come and play

"That includes people I thought the club might lose this summer.

'It includes players that wouldn't neces-

sarily play for Accrington Stanley but now potentially they will do. "Something else we spoke about was raising the profile of the club and getting people in that wouldn't necessarily come and play, because they'll be in the right environment and be surrounded by people who want to win things and be successful."

Beattie, who scored six key goals as Accrington secured League Two status for another season in the penultimate game, has revealed he will again register as a player, but has yet to decide how much he will be involved in the 2013/14 campaign.

Although there are examples of both roles being juggled successfully, most recently Gareth Ainsworth at Wycombe, Beattie feels he may have to put all his efforts into management, despite only recently coming round to the idea of being in the hotseat.

"I hadn't thought about it (manage-ment). People have asked me through my career and I've always just thought 'I don't want to go grey', and now I'm sat

here as the manager.
"I said to the photographers get your pictures while I've still got my brown hair because in six months' time it will be grey," he smiled.



10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEKEND: James Beattie lines up with his Saints colleagues ahead of the 2003 FA Cup final.

"I didn't see myself stopping playing. I was going to continue playing and I would have run the coaching badges alongside

my playing career.
"I played a charity match the other night and I was running around like a mad man, and I loved it, and I thought 'am I ready to give it up?' because it's been a huge part of my life for 18 years profes-

"I'm going to register myself and see what happens. If needs be I can come in and do a job. I'll keep fit.

"I'll train sometimes with the lads and I'll keep myself fit away from football and if I'm when I'm needed – hopefully I won't

"I might get the urge to play one day and just pick myself, which I can do!"

But Beattie was not prepared to sacrifice Stanley's offer just to carry on playing, or take up a full-time role in the media that was also on the cards.

"Certain things happen and it's just something I couldn't say no to," said the striker, who was lined up for a key role

with new television network BT Sport.

"I've been speaking to BT Sport for about six months," he explained. "I said to them 'my commitment to you

would be to retire' because it would be a full-time job.
"I'm still speaking to them now because

they think it's great to still be in football and to be doing something for them as

"But this was an opportunity that I couldn't turn down.
"It's extremely rare that a chairman

picks a phone up to a player who's still under contract and says 'do you want to be the manager?'.
"I've never been short of words, but it

took me a while to compose myself. I spoke to the people that matter to me – my family and people within the game – and said it was a no brainer.

"The experience that I've gained through football and my own experiences I'll try to give that to the young players or

The players that we bring in.

"I'm delighted to be appointed."

He added: "I've got to do my badges, but for the next few weeks 99.9 per cent of my life is going be around which players we'll bring in. Everybody is in place at the club that we went ther live and breather the that we want, they live and breathe the club which is what you need to be doing and that's what I'm going to instil into the

From facing page...

He added a second inside the box but Real went through 6-5 on aggregate.

October 2001, England v Greece: England were trailing 2-1 going into injury-time of their World Cup qualifier at Old Trafford and Germany were heading for automatic qualification. The hosts won a free-kick 30 yards out and up stepped Beckham, blew his cheeks out and curled an unstoppable shot over the wall and into the net, leaving the goalkeeper flat-footed, to send England to the 2002 World Cup.

April 2000, Manchester United v Real Madrid: The European heavyweights met in the Champions League at



DAVID BECKHAM

Old Trafford. The first leg had ended 0-0 but Real were cruising after taking a 3-0 lead. However, Beckham gave the hosts some hope with 26 minutes left when he collected the ball outside the area, surged between two defenders and into the area where he passed another Real player before unleashing an unstoppable shot into the net.

June 1998, England v Colombia: Beckham's first goal for England, a trademark free-kick left the Colombia goalkeeper scrambling helplessly across the line as Glenn Hoddle's team won 2-0. However, it was a bitter-sweet World Cup for Beckham as he was later sent off against Argentina and returned to the sight of hanging effigies.

August 1996, Wimbledon v Manchester United: An iconic moment in Beckham's career. The midfielder served notice of what was ahead on the opening day of the 1996/97 season when he looked up and spotted Dons goalkeeper Neil Sullivan off his line. Audaciously, he executed a perfect lob which gave the back-pedalling keeper no chance as it dipped into the net.

Non-league Football



Kieffer to Charlton?

CHAMPIONSHIP outfit Charlton Athletic have emerged as one of the clubs interested in Dorchester Town striker Kieffer Moore.

It is understood the 20-year-old impressed Addicks' chiefs during a trial at The Valley. But, as yet, no offer has been made for the prolific centre-forward who

netted 20 times in the Blue Square Bet South last season for Dorchester and his old club Truro City. "Kieffer has been

at Charlton where I'm told he did particularly well," confirmed Magpies boss Phil Simkin.

"I don't want him to leave for obvious reasons, but we couldn't stand in his way if a chance like that came

"He is still a young lad and very raw and scored 20 goals in his first season at this level. Lots of clubs are interested, Charlton being one of

Chudy in dug-out

Chudy has taken his first steps into

management. The former Basingstoke, Newport IoW and Gosport Borough frontman, pictured, will assist manager Simon Browne at Hamworthy United

Chudy's appointment follows the departure of Sean Bartlett, who is standing down as Browne's number two at the Sydenhams Premier Division outfit.

Saluting Bartlett's input, Browne said: "A lot of what we have achieved at Hamworthy has been down to Sean.

"We're sorry to see him go, he

Friendly

TOOLSTATION Western League side Shepton Mallet are looking for

a pre-season friendly.
The club have two dates available on Saturday, July 20 and Saturday,

Contact Gary Banfield at gkrkb@tiscali.co.uk

Surprise

COLIN Brans was pleasantly sur-prised when he officially opened AFC Portchester's new stand on his 70th birthday.

Brans, who started the club 40 years ago, uncovered the sign to reveal that the stand had been named after him in salute of his decades of hard work for the Sydenhams Premier club.

Coaching role for young gun Mike

TWENTY-one-year-old Mike Osman is looking to become the next 'new kid' on the local non-League managerial block.

Osman currently coaches with Eastleigh-based youth outfit S&D, but is keen to land a job with a senior club.

"I moved with my family to

Edmonton, Canada, and did bits and pieces of coaching out there and also in Torrevieja, Spain, he said. "I was in the Saints Academy years ago and have coached now and then with the Saints Foundation and done bits with City College, Eastleigh and

"I've sent out letters to vari-ous leagues to see if there are any openings for a coach and I have an interview with Bridgwater Town in Somerset.

"I'd love to get in somewhere and build from there. The Wessex League would be a good place to start.

"I'm young, keen and hungry to get into the game.

used to play as a central "I used to play as a central midfielder for Colden Common under-18s, but I did my ligaments and I can't play any more - but I can coach!"

Osman can be contacted at mikeosman1991@gmail.com



AFTER the heroics of last season Tim Cole and Danny Robinson's stock is high as a managerial partnership, but there are no signs of them wooed away from **Alresford Town.**

The Magpies exceeded all expectations in 2012/13, lifting the Sydenhams Wessex League Cup, sydennams wessex League Cup, the North Hants Senior Cup and the Hampshire FA Senior Cup and finishing runners up to Blackfield & Langley in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

But rather than bask in the glow

of glory, the Cole-Robinson 'dream team' have already got to work on drawing up a list of pre-season friendlies to get Alresford in the best possible shape for the new

campaign.
Asked whether he had been tempted to move elsewhere this summer, Robinson said: "I'm one of these people that likes to pay back the faith that's been put in me and the Alresford chairman Trevor

Wendy Gee NON-LEAGUE REPORTE

Ingram has stuck with us through thick and thin.

"He stuck by us when we finished 15th in the league and we didn't win anything and now we've repaid him

with a really good season.

"But I don't want to walk away having had just had one good year,

consistency is what I'm after.
"I'm under no illusions, I know
we're probably not going to match what we've done this season.

"But I look at someone like Graham Kemp who finished in the top five every year with Christchurch and that's something

"I can only speak for me and not for Tim, but I want to prove next season that everything we've achieved wasn't just a one-off.

"If we do that, I probably could

walk away.
"I'm only 27 and I've got my whole managerial career ahead of me.

Robinson is not the only 20-somescene. At just 21, Adam Pullinger recently led AFC Stoneham to glory in the Southampton Senior Cup at St Mary's and the Alresford co-manager believes it's good to have some fresh blood coming into the

Faith

"Ben Dillon at Hartley Wintney's another one, he's younger than me, and there's also Lee Burch at Hythe & Dibden," said Robinson.
"Lee's got his coaching badges behind him and he'll do a good job down at Hythe

down at Hythe.

"I'm all for young coaches and I think chairmen need to put a bit of faith in them."

Being as young – or even younger than some of the Alresford players has posed a challenge for Robinson, but it's one he has learned to deal with.

"At first it was difficult to separate myself from being one of the

lads, but over the six years I've

been in management that side of me has changed," he said. "To start with I wanted to be everyone's mate and you're always aware at a non-paying club that

you don't want to upset people.
"But I have managed to distance myself from the players and I've learned a lot from Tim (Cole).

"Tim's older and more experi-

enced than me and he's an unbelievable person to learn from. "We've got some lads in our

changing room – people like Stuart Green, Dom Cope, Steve Harding and Dan Edwards – who are older than me, but they all listen and hang on to every word me and Tim are saying."
Alresford will kick off pre-season

with a trip to QK Southampton on Tuesday, July 16 followed by a visit to Ringwood Town on July 23.

Badshot Lea will be their next port of call on Saturday, July 27 and the following Tuesday (July 30) they are away to Winchester Castle of the Puma Engin Hampshire Premier League. Engineering

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Cherries friendly

AFC BOURNEMOUTH have announced a pre-season trip to Sydenhams Premier outfit Christchurch on Tuesday, July 9.

The fixture forms part of the deal that took 18-year-old Priory prospect Harry Cornick to Bournemouth in January.

The talented youngster, who continued to play for Christchurch for the remainder of the 2012/13 campaign, will link up with the Cherries when pre-season begins and could feature in the game at Hurn Bridge.

Another young Cherries prospect, Jayden Stockley, could also return to familiar pastures this summer.

Stockley scored ten goals in 26 appearances for Conference National outfit Woking during an extended loan spell last season and may well be involved in Bournemouth's friendly trip to Kingfield on Saturday, July 20.

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES 2013

Tuesday, July 9 Christchurch v AFC Bournemouth.

Saturday, July 13 QK Southampton v Fareham Town.

Tuesday, July 16 QK Southampton v Alresford Town.

Saturday, July 20 Woking v AFC Bournemouth

Tuesday, July 23 Fareham Town v Havant & Waterlooville. Ringwood Town v Alresford Town.

Saturday, July 27 Badshot Lea v Alresford Town. Trowbridge v Amesbury Town.

Tuesday, July 30 Winchester Castle v Alresford Town.

*To publicise your club's pre-season friendlies, email the sports desk at echosport@dailyecho.co.uk

move

FORMER Havant & Waterlooville loanee Alex Grant has joined Premier League outfit Stoke City,

The 19-year-old Portsmouth defender, who also had a spell on loan at Eastleigh in December, has signed a two-year deal for the Potters' under-21 development squad.
Grant made 17 starts for the Hawks last

season after joining them on loan from Pompey and soon caught the eye of numerous scouts.

Born in Manchester and educated in Australia, he was largely unknown before his time with Havant but shone in the club's strong finish to the Blue Square Bet South season.

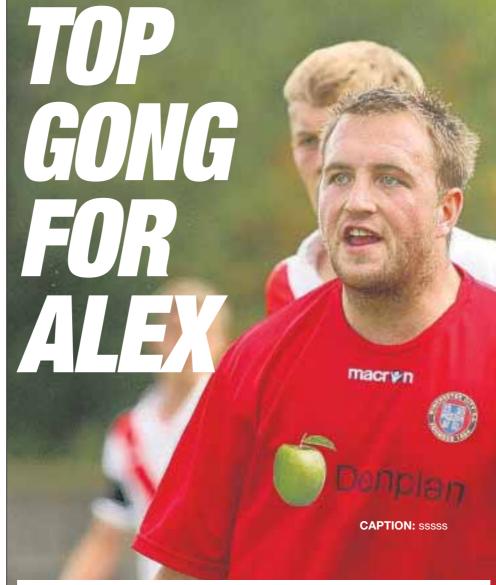
"He is a shining example of both (manager) Lee Bradbury's extensive scouting network and the chance to get noticed playing regular football at any level," said an H&W statement.

"Everyone at the club wishes Alex and his family well and we hope he remembers his time as a Hawk with fondness."

Grant played for the same junior team, Deans FC, as Manchester United's Ryan

He spent his formative years in Perth, Australia, and was an Australia under-17 international.

On returning to England he progressed through Portsmouth's reserve and academy sides and made his full first-team debut in August's Capital One Cup tie against Plymouth Argyle.



ALEK Przespolewski has picked up Newport IoW's supporters' player-of-theseason award.

It caps a fine 2012/13 for 'Przes' who will also collect the Wessex golden boot after eclipsing Blackfield & Langley's Alex Bladacchino and Alresford's Warren Bentley as the Sydenhams Premier's top gun. Przespolewski, who returned

to the Newport ranks last summer after helping Winchester City to the 2011/12 Sydenhams title, hit 36 goals in 38 Wessex

appearances for the Islanders.

His finest hour came in
September's 5-1 win at
Verwood Town when he netted
all five Newport goals.

all five Newport goals.

Fittingly, it was Pzespolewski who ensured Port finished the season on a high note by beating East Cowes Vics 1-0 in the Isle of Wight Gold Cup final.

The match was decided on 59 minutes when Page Codley's

minutes when Ryan Oatley's shot took a deflection and fell kindly to Przespolewski who

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE Top scorers 2012/13

Premier Division

36 -Alek Pzespolewski (Newport

loW) 33 – Alex Baldacchino (Blackfield & Roptley (Alresford) Langley), Warren Bentley (Alresford) 30 – Russell Cook (Christchurch) 29 – Zach Glasspool (Alresford) 25 – Craig Feeney (Totton & Eling) 23 – Ben Osborne (Christchurch), Simon Woods (AFC Portchester)

22 - Ashley Jarvis (GE Hamble) Bobby Scott (Moneyfields) 21 - Steve Hutchings (Moneyfields), Simba Mlambo (Alton Town), Nic

Turpin (Downton) 20 – Scott Joyce (Bournemouth

shrugged off two defenders before guiding the ball into the bottom left-hand corner.

The race to become Division One's top scorer ended in a four-way tie between Cowes Sports' Gareth Bricknell, Petersfield's Callum Coker, for-Solent striker mer Team Edwards Declan

Poppies) 19 - Graham Lindsey (Fareham)

Division One

24 - Gareth Bricknell (Cowes Sports), Callum Coker (Petersfield), Declan Edwards (Brockenhurst/Team Solent), Sam Knowles (Fleet Spurs).

21 – Sam Argent (Whitchurch). 19 – Darren Williams (Cowes Sports). 18 - Jason Graham (Tadley Calleva). 17 - Daniel Sloan (Pewsey Vale). 16 - Jack Hopper (Pewsey Vale),

Mike Spinney (Brockenhurst). 14 – Matt Evans (East Cowes Vics), Pete Lines (US Portsmouth), Michael

Martin (Pewsey Vale). 13 – Brett Denham (Tadley Calleva), Warren Kenna (Brockenhurst).

Brockenhurst and Fleet Spurs' Sam Knowles.
That quartet all finished with

24 Wessex goals – three ahead of Whitchurch's ex-Saints trainee Sam Argent who quick-ly made up for lost time after suffering a broken leg playing for Winchester City at the start of the season.

Kev is a Mango

FORMER Salisbury City goalkeeper Kevin Sawyer has pledged his future to Evo-Stik South & West club Mangotsfield United.

Sawyer, a key member of the Salisbury side that rose from the Southern League to the Conference South during Nick Holmes' spell in charge, joined the Mangos from Leamington in October and made an instant impact at Cossham Street.

In his first season with the Gloucestershire club he picked up both the supporters' and players player-of-the-year awards

Town's takeover

THE path has been cleared for Blue Square Bet South club Dorchester

Town to become community-owned.
Magpies chairman Shaun Hearn, Community Trust and Dorchester Town Youth FC signed an agreement on Tuesday to push ahead with plans for 50 per cent of Hearn's majority shareholding to be transferred to the

Hearn and the trust will share overall control of the club, paving the way for a new era at the Avenue Stadium.

A joint statement released from the three parties said: "The hard work starts now but we strongly believe that working together will achieve a club at the heart of the community delivering benefits for all."

Recruits

WHITCHURCH United are looking to strengthen their playing squad ahead of their return to the Sydenhams Premier Division.

The north Hampshire club, who fin-ished runners-up to Brockenhurst in Wessex One, are also seeking a qualified coach to work with the first

Applicants for the coach's job must have a suitable qualification and coaching experience.

Interested parties can contact the club at whitchurch.utd@gmail.com

Switch

EX-EASTLEIGH man Philip Appiah has joined the Spitfires' Blue Square Bet South rivals

Tonbridge Angels.
The 23-year-old
Canadian-born midfielder was signed by former Spitfires boss Ian Baird from Farnborough in January last year

He made ten starts and five substitute appearances for the Stoneham Lane club before moving on last summer.

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It's fair to say Hill is not a fan of Twitter

TWITTER has been alive with the sound of Eastleigh players saying their farewells over the past week.

Both Mitchell Nelson and Dale Binns have used the online social networking service to pass on their thanks and goodbyes to the club after turning down the offer of a new contract.

Although Spitfires boss Richard Hill accepts that it's the way of the world these days for players to be airing their news and views via tweets, he does have a problem when important club business enters the public arena before being discussed with him first.

In Binns's case, he went about things the right way, informing Hill that he would be unable to fit in with Eastleigh's daytime training regime before taking to Twitter to post "@Eastleigh_TSSC: Thank you, wud luv to hav stayed and get this club promoted. But all good things come to an

Nelson, on the other hand, annoyed the Spitfires boss by publicly announcing that he was a free agent before he had informed the club of his plans to

Less than hour after meeting up with Hill and telling him he needed a couple of days to chew over Eastleigh's offer of a new contract, the former AFC Bournemouth right-back told his Twitter followers: "Well it's been emotional this season! I've enjoyed my time @eastleighfc and thanks for everything from every1 at the club n all the best.

At the age of 49, Hill hails from an era when club matters were either discussed face-to-face or on the telephone and he has often told off his own sons for texting their parents rather than calling the family home.

"I slaughter my boys when they send me a text message, but I'm from an older generation when everything was done face-to-face or by actually speak-

ing to people.

"These days people don't speak any more, they communicate through social media. "I find it all a bit frustrating and other managers I speak to are of the same opinion as "But we

have to what happens these days. Twitter was Dale Binns' tool for thanking everyone for his time at Eastleigh and I'm not concerned about players doing that as

long as they inform me first. Midfielder Adam Watkins, who spent the back end of last season on loan at Eastleigh, has also been on Twitter to announce his departure from parent club Luton Town.

The 21-year-old told his followers: "For all you asking now no longer a Luton player. Enjoyed my time there and wish them all the best! Thanks for the support since I've been there it

meant a lot. Now time to enjoy sum-

Watkins, a boyhood Luton fan, made 58 appearances for Town after rising through the Kenilworth Road ranks.

But he barely featured for the Hatters during 2012/13 and joined Eastleigh in February on loan until the end of the

The 'super sub' came off the bench to score some crucial goals to help the Spitfires into the Blue Square Bet South play-offs, but he was sent off in the semi-final first-leg defeat against Dover and ruled out of the Crabble

Watkins was this week linked with a move to Dunstable Town, who are heading for the Evo-Stik Southern One Central after going unbeaten through-out the whole of the Molten Spartan South Midlands Premier Division cam-

But Hill does not rule out the possibility of him returning to Eastleigh on a permanent basis.

Hill said: "I've got nothing but good things to say about Adam. He fitted in at the club and worked very, very hard. Without his goals, we wouldn't have made the play-offs.

"He's away on his holidays now, but I've had a conversation with him. he's made me aware he's available and he and his agent both know my views.

his options to play in the Conference Premier and his agent will want that

"But I've got a list of players I want to bring to this club and some will have to be careful that they don't miss the



players who can't train during the day," said Hill.

But the alternative is to go back to part-time training in the evenings and that would be a back EASTLEIGH'S end-of-season awards night takes place next Thursday (May 23)

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ward step in my opinion.

'We've made a significant step forward with daytime training and, already, we're further down the road than some clubs who are starting to do it."

As last season drew to a close, inns and long-serving defender/striker Andy Forbes were the only first-team players unavailable to train during the

day.

Both have now departed with Forbes one of four players – Mark Hughes, Lee Peacock and Chris Flood being the others – who were not offered new deals when their

ontracts expired.

It leaves the Spitfires with nine contract players – Glen Southam, Ross Flitney, Jack Dovey, Chris Todd, Dean Beckwith, Danian Scoundly Lie Backy Scannell, Jai Reason, Craig McAllister and Corey King – who can all make daytime training, as can Michael Green and Dan Spence

who have been offered new deals. Loan duo Alex Lacey and Adam Watkins have returned to parent club Luton, who have subsequently released Watkins.

And Hill is still talking to Chris Zebroski, who joined Eastleigh on non-contract terms from Cheltenham Town in February and is angling for a return to the Evothall Loggie Football League.

Ex-Bournemouth right-back Mitchell Nelson has already turned down a new deal and, should Zebroski move on, Eastleigh would be without seven of the players involved in their 2-0 Conference South play-off semi-final, second leg victory at Dover which ended in

penalty shootout heartbreak. Hill, though, still has the nucleus of a very strong squad and insists he will not be panicked into summer signings.

"At this time last season the club had already started to sign players, but I'm not going to rush into any-thing," he said.

"Sutton (managed by former Eastleigh boss Paul Doswell) are getting their summer business done early, but I can't compete with the salaries they're paying.

"I've got a list of players I'd like to bring in if and when they become available, and whether that's this week, next week or next month I'm prepared to wait.
"We've still got the basis of a very

good squad and the decisions I've made (in letting certain players go) I believe to be in the best interests of the club.

"Some people will disagree with me and some won't, but I've done what I've done for the right rea-

Zebroski was the stand-out per-former at Dover and, much as Hill would love to keep him, he fully understands why the former Bristol Rovers frontman/wideman has his sights set on returning to the professional ranks.

"Chris is not being disrespectful to Eastleigh, but he'd like to see what his prospects are higher up," said the Spitfires boss.

The deal was for him to come to us until the end of the season and get us into the play-offs and you could see from the game at Dover

that he needs to play higher.
"He was head and shoulders the best player on the pitch.'





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THE DAILY ECHO **SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013**

Non-league Football

TOTTON WOE IS NO SHOCK

AFC TOTTON'S current state of turmoil comes as no surprise to former chairman Alan Davis.

Back in July 2009, The Southern Daily Echo reported on "internal divisions" behind the scenes at the old Testwood Park ground that were threatening to tear the club apart towards the end of Davis's brief stint at the

He warned at time that the Stags needed a "sustainable budget" to take them forward and is saddened that, nearly four years later, that lesson does not appear to have been

Back in 2009 Totton should have been enjoying the most exciting time in the club's 123-year-history with work due to start on their new Conference South-standard ground in Salisbury Road and the team emerging as a major force in the Southern One South & West.

But that was overshadowed by behind-thescenes back-biting which led to Davis, who had joined the club as secretary the previous November and succeeded Ian Shields as chairman, walking away from the post.

Davis spoke at the time of a "big difference of opinion" behind the scenes and, in words that now appear uncannily prophetic given the club's current crisis, added: "I'm trying to look after the club's best interests by keeping the budget sustainable.

'I don't want to be the one responsible for letting Totton go pear-shaped."

In the wake of Davis's words of warning.

the Stags put those 2009 problems behind them and appeared to be blossoming in the years that followed.

Their move to the £2.9 million Testwood Stadium should have heralded a bright new era for the club – and for a while it did.

After knocking hard on the promotion door for two years, the Stags finally went up as Division One South & West champions in 2010/11 and rapidly built on that success the following season.

Not only did they reach the FA Cup second

round proper for the first time in their history and land a money-spinning live televised home tie against Bristol Rovers, but they got to within one game of the Conference South in their debut Southern Premier season, bowing out at Oxford City in the play-off

It has since emerged, however, that Totton's runaway success on the field was masking problems off it, raising many big questions about how the club has been run financially and whether the Stags have been living beyond their means.

For many months they did their best to

keep their problems 'in house'. And, bizarrely, it was only when Alex Pike, manager of rivals Gosport Borough, revealed in a radio interview that Totton's players hadn't been paid for several weeks that the truth came tumbling out.

It forced chairman Paul Wallace to admit in early April: "We are struggling to hold things together financially."

Since then it has been one long, sorry tale of back-biting off the pitch and poor performances on it with the players still going

There was a chink of light last month when the membership voted to change AFC Totton from a members' club to a limited company and bring in outside investment.

Earlier this week it looked as if those plans

would have to be abandoned when the consortium formed to bring that limited company into being seemingly collapsed, taking the







SAD: Former Totton chairman Alan Davis, above left. Above right and top: Totton fans at a emergency meeting this week.

troubled club back to square one.

Team boss Steve Riley branded the whole sorry mess as "an embarrassment to AFC Totton" and called for an open meeting on Wednesday night, inviting all those involved

"soap opera" that has unfolded.

During that meeting it emerged that the consortium's plans to form two limited companies and be granted two leases - one for the football club and one for the social club - had mation being made available by the club.

Wallace, who resigned from his post during the meeting, promised that the club's finan-cial records would be made available as soon

He also said he would assist in removing any hurdles that would obstruct the club moving forward.

Should the plans go through, one of the consortium's first tasks will be to pay Riley and his players who, it was established, are owed £50,000 by the club.

The shambolic events of the last few weeks have not made comfortable reading for

He could see the writing on the wall four

vears ago.

years ago.

In an email to *The Southern Daily Echo* after we reported on the club's financial troubles, Davis – brother of former Totton midfielder Craig – said: "I couldn't help but notice the article and say to myself 'told you "I warned them several years ago that this

sort of situation would happen when I decided to step down in my capacity as chairman.

"My only surprise is that it took so long for it to happen as it was inevitable that a sus-tainable budget was not being kept.

"It's not a case of me getting on my high horse and laughing. Far from it. "I am very sad to see the club spiral out of

control, especially since there are so many good people there.

"I just wish people would have listened to me four years ago and just maybe this latest situation wouldn't have happened."

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Whites Promotion Special

SALISBURY ARE BACK



chairman William Harrison-Allan paid tribute to managerial double act Darrell Clarke and Mikey Harris for their promotion success.

Harrison-Allan led the pitchside celebrations after City had returned to the side celebrations after can had returned to the Conference national by beating Eastleigh's conquerors Dover in a thrilling Blue Square Bet South play-off final, writes JOEL HOLT.

He produced some funky dance moves after the final whistle, before admitting that Salisbury deserve what they have achieved.

"All credit has to go to Mikey and Darrell. Their management team, the players and everyone involved in this foot-ball club have done a magnificent

job," he said.
"The players have dug deep and been brilliant.

The whole season's been exceptional. It's such a great club to be at.
"Darrell has done magnificently

well, especially for a lad who was club captain when we got demoted and then he got us promoted during the first year in Southern Premier.

"He also took us on a great FA Cup journey last season during our first

season in Blue Square Bet South and this year has been amazing.

"The club deserves everything they have got.

"There will be no trip to Las Vegas – maybe Blackpool!"

The chairman has high hopes for Salisbury next season and believes back-to-back promotions – which would catapult them into the Football League for the first time in their histo-

ry – is not an unreansuc டி நடி. "We are going to try and win the

league, don't worry about consolidation," he added.

"Darrell is a proper manager and he will try to get us in the play-offs or win the league.

"That's what we will have a go at.

"The reality is, of course, that we probably won't have the cash to attract the better players, but I don't think we'll be far away

"If we finish mid-table next year we'll be over the moon.

"I don't see us being a relegation

And according to the chairman, he has already allocated Clarke a budget for next season as Salisbury take on the non-league elite for the first time since the 2009/10 season when they were demoted two divisions for financial reasons despite finishing midtable.

"We've already done the budgets for Conference Premier and Darrell knows the budget he has got, I think he's happy with that," said Harrison-

keep quite a consid erable amount of the squad.

"We do have a lot of players who are good enough play a step up.
"The extra

money need-ed for away trips is going to be around £80,000 £100,000, when you get the likes of Luton Town at the Ray Mac there will be plenty of traveling supporters to boost the attendance.

Just days before the league's play-off final, Salisbury received a slight scare after they received a winding up petition from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

But Harrison-Allan has reassured fans that the debts have been cleared and they have received confirmation

"We paid off two thirds of the debt on April 10 and the HMRC tried to wind us up on the 26th and we got an apology, in writing, from the taxman saying we hadn't validated it," he said.

"We paid the remaining figure on Friday (May 10) and we had a note back saying the proceedings had been

Whites Promotion Special

City's big step up

ALL-ROUNDER Brian Dutton has warned his City colleagues that the standard in the Blue Square Bet Premier is on a par with League 2 – but is confident his teammates will be able to make the step up.

"It's a very strong league," admitted the 28-year-old. "I'm not worried about stepping up because we've got a bunch of lads who are progressing all the time, including the likes of Ryan Brett, Theo Lewis and Jamie White, who are all on their way up. It's on par with League Two for me.

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"We're chomping at the bit to play in Conference Premier. Let's see what signings the club make, but I think we're good enough to hold our own. It's been three years of chasing a return to the national non-league and we've done it."

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Dutton, who has experienced a fair share of emotions in a Salisbury City shirt over the past three years, added it would have been a "travesty" if Salisbury missed out on promotion: "It was sheer relief when the whistle went because if it went to penalties it would have been a lottery.

"I can't name everybody, but those involved in the club deserve this promotion as it was taken away from us three years ago. The managerial staff have put in some long hours to get us where we are.

"We certainly don't make it easy for ourselves, but it would have been a travesty if we didn't go up bearing in mind how hard everyone's worked. "Pre-season springs to mind. The amount of fit-

"Pre-season springs to mind. The amount of fitness work we did, which was tough, was well worth it in the end."

Dutton, the current skipper, waited to lift the Blue Square Bet South trophy with club captain Chris Giles, who has had a painful season on the sidelines due to an ongoing ankle injury.

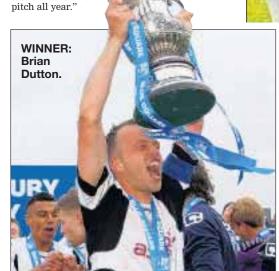
Dutton said: "Chris has been unlucky with

Dutton said: "Chris has been unlucky with injuries this season. He and I started this comeback three years ago in Southern Premier when he was captain.

he was captain.

"He said to me last season that we would lift the trophy together and I wanted to do the same.

"The club's success is not down to individuals, it's a team effort and Chris has been fantastic on and off the





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Clarke's magical moment

DEFENDING machine James Clarke says it will take something special for Salisbury to surpass the elation of clinching promotion back to the Conference national.

Clarke, who signed for Salisbury City last summer from Oxford City, said: "I've enjoyed my time here and I love playing football anywhere.

"It was nerve-racking, but we got the goals we needed and it was a good win. "Their equaliser was a bit of a freak and we

couldn't see a goal coming.

"We played well throughout the 90 minutes and it was only right we won in the end.
"You'd be stupid not to feel nervous when a

"You'd be stupid not to feel nervous when a side comes back into the match but that's football for you.

ball for you.
"We're just pleased to get back in the Conference Premier.

Conference Premier.

"When I was on the pitch lifting the trophy it was an amazing feeling as we've worked all season for it.

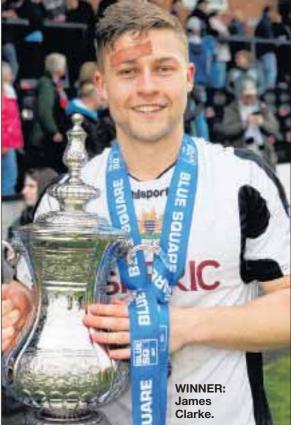
"It was unfortunate we didn't win the Conference South, which we should have.
"But to win the play-off in front of all the fans

"But to win the play-off in front of all the fans is amazing and there's no better feeling than that."

The resilient centre-half, who came close to missing the play-off final after suffering a nasty gash to his left eye during the semi-final first leg at Chelmsford City, has played at national non-league level before, appearing more than 30 times for Oxford United.

He added: "This league and the one below are hard to get the beautiful forms."

hard to get out of because of the standard, so it's just an achievement to be promoted."



SALISBURY'S LEAGUE RESULTS

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Whites Promotion Special



One hell of a journey for Salisbury's boss

THE cheeky grin on Darrell Clarke's face when he was lifted into the air by his players encapsulated the memorable journey he has taken Salisbury City on during his three-year reign as playermanager, writesa JOEL HOLT.

Gaining promotion to the Conference South in 2011 after beating Hednesford Town on penalty kicks, with keeper Tommy Smith being crowned the hero.

Knocking out Grimsby Town to reach the FA Cup third round proper for the first time in the club's history, before facing League One big dogs Sheffield United.

Those were some of Clarke's significant highlights.

But although last Sunday's promotion to the Conference Premier probably tops the lot, Clarke refused to take the glory from his players, hailing their efforts as "outstanding".

"I'm going to save the plaudits for my players, who have been special all season,' the 35-year-old following Salisbury's 3-2 Blue Square Bet South play-off final victory over Eastleigh's conquerors Dover.

"There are no players who deserve to be promoted more than my boys. They have been outstanding all season.

"My heart was in my mouth when Dover got a second goal at the death but when we heard the final whistle it was an unbelievable feel-

The first half was a non-event and Ricky Wellard's free kick opened things up. Three fantastic finishes from my players won it for

us. "Credit to Dover, they gave us a tremendous

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"(Dover boss) Chris Kinnear is a great bloke

and I hope they get promoted next year.
"It was heartbreak when we dropped two divisions but to return in three years is a dream come true.

"It's a fairytale for myself, having been first

team captain at that time."

More than 3,400 spectators flocked to the Ray Mac on Sunday to cheer their side on.

And Clarke is urging those supporters to purchase their season tickets for next season to ensure financial stability for the club.

He added: "The fans have been fantastic all season but they need to ask themselves whether they want a Blue Square Bet Premier

If they do, realistically we need to be hitting between 1,200 and 1,300 home fans each week to be able to stay in the league.

"Supporters, who are here today, why not buy a season ticket for next season and keep putting something into the club so we can play at the level we deserve to compete at.

Some of the regular faces of Salisbury's highflying campaign may not feature for Salisbury

as Clarke is uncertain of everyone's futures. "There will be players coming and going, but that's football," he added.

"I'm proud of my players and everyone has played their part this season.

We've got some experience in the side but I need to sit down, think about next season and I haven't yet.

"I'll be honest with my players and I'll judge everyone's performance over a whole season and see whether they can do a job next year.

"It's not a nice part of the job telling players bad news, but it has to be done.

Former Saints striker Jamie White ended his first season at Salisbury as the top scorer with 27 league and cup goals.

That came after he netted over 50 times as Winchester City won the Sydenhams Wessex League title in 2011/12.

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Non-league Football

Hill: Whites were worthy winners



EASTLEIGH boss Richard Hill says Salisbury City deserve their place in the Conference National next season.

The Spitfires' own hopes of dining at non-League's top table were sunk in a penalty shootout at Dover Athletic in the play-off semi-finals.

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For a long spell last season, it looked as if Salisbury would win promotion outright as Blue Square Bet South champions, but they were overtaken by Welling United in the battle for top spot.

There was never any question, however, that over the course of the whole season, they were the second best side in the league, and Hill says there's no denying that, ultimately, justice was done

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"I'm pleased for Darrell Clarke,"
he said. "I got to know him
throughout the season and he's

become one of the few managers I speak to in the league.

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"Welling ran away with it in the end and the team that finishes second doesn't always go up, but justice has been done in that respect because Salisbury finished six points clear of (third-placed) Dover."

It was Eastleigh – then under the charge of Ian Baird – who had been installed as pre-season title favourites having splashed out on a host of quality summer signings.

But they started the campaign poorly, costing Baird his job, and it wasn't until the turn of the year that Hill felt he had moulded the side as he wanted.

From sitting second to bottom in the first week of January, the Spitfires strung together an incredible run of results to force themselves into the play-off picture.

But they let themselves down with a 3-1 semi-final first-leg defeat at home to Dover and, despite dominating the return leg at Crabble to force penalties, they were second best from the spot.

Reflecting on the season, Hill said: "It was tough for us playing catch-up, but it was tough for Salisbury

too.
"They were there or
thereabouts all season
and for them to not
win the league when,
at one point, it looked
as if they would,

win the league when, at one point, it looked as if they would, must have b e e n hard t o tako

"But they managed to dust themselves off and win promotion through the play-offs and they deserve credit for that.

deserve credit for that.

"Salisbury were the second best side in the league. They had a few setbacks during the season and it shows the character they've got in the team that they came through.

"It also shows the character of our lads that we beat them 1-0 at home.

"Well done to Salisbury and good luck to them."

● MITCH Walker – the goalkeeper who ended Eastleigh's promotion dream – has been named in the England C squad.

The Dover Athletic stopper made crucial saves from Dean Beckwith and Chris Zebroski to sentence the Spitfires to penalty shootout defeat in the Blue Square Bet South playoff semi-final, second leg at Crabble.

The 21-year-old is included in

Paul Fairclough's provisional 16man squad for England's trip to Bermuda on June 4.

Weymouth want to get Walker

BRENDON King, manager of Southern Premier outfit Weymouth, has confirmed his interest in taking Michael Walker to the Bob Lucas Stadium.

The towering Walker, 29, has just captained Poole Town to the Evo-Stik Southern One South & West title and Dolphins boss Tom Killick is determined to try and keep hold of the out-of-contract centre-back.

But King has worked with Weymouthbased Walker before at Portland United and believes there's a chance the player will want to return 'horne'. "I know Michael Walker very well and I

"I know Michael Walker very well and I know he has been a massive part of Poole's success over the past few years," said the Terras boss.

"However, he is also a player I am very much interested in and I cannot deny that.

"When good players become available we are always going to be very interested and Michael certainly fits into that category.

"I know he has a good relationship with Tommy Killick and has been very successful there, but he is local to Weymouth and I believe it is about time he came home and achieved some success with his hometown club."

Walker's friend and Poole Town teammate Will Spetch has his doubts that Weymouth will get their man.

Speaking after Walker had presented him with the Dolphins' players' player-of-the-sea-



MICHAEL WALKER, left

son award, 22-year-old Spetch said: "Personally I don't think he will go.

"We haven't spoken at length about it, but I just have a feeling he will stay, purely for the fact that he has achieved so much at Poole.

"I don't think he would want to ruin that and I think he will stay for at least one more season

"I would be gutted to see him go because I love playing alongside him. "For someone to have that experience and

"For someone to have that experience and to be so strong physically and verbally is just great and he has played a massive part in making me a better player.

"Our partnership has been pretty solid and I am good friends with him off the pitch

I am good friends with him off the pitch.
"If he left, it would be a massive hole for us
to fill, but Walks has got a young family to
think of and has recently got married.

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"If Weymouth is the right money and the right move for him, then so be it."

Spetch, who spent three years with Exeter City's Centre of Excellence, worked his way through the youth ranks at Tatnam, starting with the under-15s before becoming a first-team regular and earning a trial with Cherries in 2011.

And Poole's versatile defender, who is equally adept at left-back, said his lengthy involvement with the Dorset club had given his end-of-season awards greater meaning.

Spetch, also named supporters' player-ofthe-year, said: "I love it at Poole. The club is run by some great people and I am very happy there. I was very surprised to win the supporters' award. It means a lot to know that the fans think so much of you."

Non-league Football



Did You Know

Brighton in Conference?

CONFERENCE South newcomers Whitehawk are undergoing a change of identity.

Subject to approval from the relevant authorities, the east Brighton-based club will hence forth be known as Brighton City

It is a similar move to the one made by neighbours East-bourne Borough when they changed their name from

changed their name iron
Langney Sports.
Consultation has taken place
with Brighton & Hove Albion
regarding the name change and
the club believe the timing is right following a third promotion in four seasons.

Just three years after winning the Sussex County League, Whitehawk were crowned Ryman Premier champions last term and will join fellow south coast club Gosport Borough -the Southern Premier play-off winners - in the Conference South next term.

Joint chairman John Summers said: "We have always seen ourselves as Espanyol Barcelona, the working class **Brighton & Hove Albion**

When Summers and Peter McDonnell took over as chairmen, Whitehawk set themselves a five-year plan in 2009 to reach the Conference South. They have achieved it a year ahead of schedule thanks to strong financial support for manager Darren Freeman.

They flexed their financial muscles in March with three significant signings, taking Paul Hinshelwood (Havant & Waterlooville) and Charlie Losasso (Reading) on loan and capturing ex-Havant midfielder Charlie Henry on a permanent deal from Macclesfield.

Poole keeper praises fans

GOALKEEPER Nick Hutchings hailed Poole Town's supporters after winning a national award voted for by non-League fans.

The Dolphins number one scooped The Non-League Paper's goalkeeper-of-theprize after Poole die-hards had

balloted in their droves.
The 27-year-old stopper, who kept 17 clean sheets as the Dolphins cruised to the Southern One South & West title, dedicated the award to the Tatnam faithful.

"It was a really humbling experience. To be in a room with so many Conference footballers and to pick up the award ahead of goalkeepers of that calibre, at the level I am at, is fantastic," he

"I'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who voted, especially to the Poole fans. If it wasn't for them voting in such great numbers, I would-

New Havant boss quick off the mark

HAVANT & Waterlooville boss Lee Bradbury, pictured, has started his summer transfer business early.
Dan Strugnell has joined the

Hawks on a two-year deal fol-lowing a successful loan spell from AFC Bournemouth, while attacking midfielder Nic Ciardini has climbed aboard from Farnborough.

Strugnell, who has made just

one League appearance for the Cherries, impressed in 20 starts for the Hawks last term, establishing a formidable central defensive partnership with skipper Ed Harris.

Ciardini, who has also signed

a two-year Hawks deal, came through the Farnborough

youth ranks and played at every level for the north Hampshire every north

club, A technically skilful midfielder who loves to rove forward, he joined Southampton from youth foot-<u>b</u>all

Farnborough before back going Cherrywood Road.

He briefly left the club again

to link up with ex-Boro boss Steve King at Lewes and returned in February 2012. Meanwhile, goalkeeper Clark

Masters has left Havant to join Blue Square Bet South rivals Tonbridge

Angels. The experienced 25-year-old stopper z-year-old stopper turned up at Westleigh Park last summer after first-choice 'keeper Dan Thomas was injured in pre-season training.

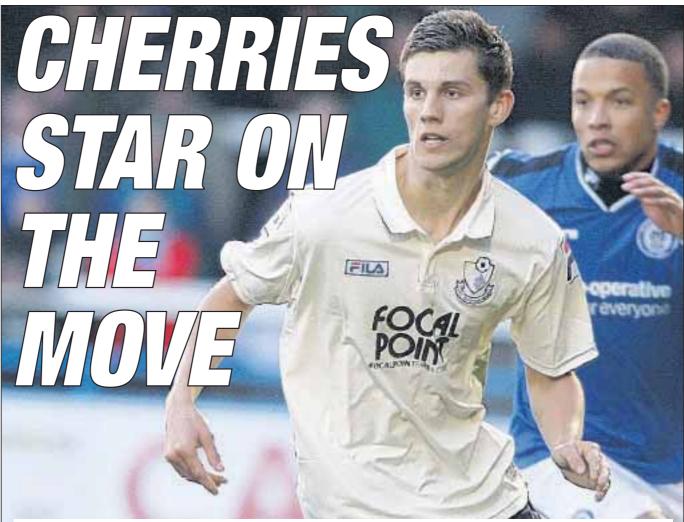
At 6ft 5in, the former

Brentford, Barrow and Eastbourne Borough man soon got noticed by the club's management and ended up playing a crucial part in the Hawks' tenth-placed finish.

But Masters, who is based in Ramsgate, was struggling to combine his full-time business with the demands of travelling to and from the south coast.

"Everyone at the club would like to wish Clark all the best for the future," said an H&W statement. "It's fair to say the changing room will be a lot quieter without his presence!"

Masters replaces gloveman Lee Worgan who has left Tonbridge Angels after a fiveyear stay and Maidstone United.



DEFENDER Dan Strugnell has described as "the toughest decision of my career" his choice to sever ties with AFC **Bournemouth after eight** years at the club.

Strugnell, pictured, who joined Cherries as a 12-year-old, has turned down the club's offer of a short-term contract in favour of signing for non-League Havant & Waterlooville, writes Neil

The Bournemouth-born 20-

year-old will reunite with former Cherries boss Lee Bradbury at Westleigh Park after agreeing terms on a two-year deal with the Conference South outfit.

Fruitful

Strugnell, a season-ticket holder at Dean Court until he was taken on as an apprentice, enjoyed a fruitful loan spell with the Hawks last season, netting three times in 22 games.

He made his only appearance for Cherries when he came off

the bench to replace broken leg victim Stephen Purches during the 1-0 defeat at Rochdale in February 2012.

He was rewarded with his first Bournemouth contract by Bradbury in May 2011 before earning a second year under Paul Groves 12 months ago.

Hard though it is to leave Cherries, Strugnell said: "It has been the toughest decision of my career, especially seeing where the club is going, but I was offered three months and felt there was a lot of risk involved.

"If I didn't get anything at the end of that, other clubs would have sorted their budgets and squads. I just want to play regular first-team football.

"I really enjoyed my time on loan with Havant and I love

working with Bradders.
"It is the best thing for my

career at this point in time.

"My aim is to get back into the League and I am going to work as hard as I can to achieve it. I am happy to stand by my decision and am looking forward to next

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DIVISION 1 PLACE FOR NEW MILTON

NEW Milton Town are looking to keep their place in the Sydenhams Wessex League after calling off 'merger' talks with Southern Premier neighbours Bashley.

Linnets chairman John Breaker took the decision to postpone negotiations with Bash, explaining: "Certain things we wanted in place have not come through, which is disappointing, so I had to make the right decision for us.

"It is not viable for New Milton

"It is not viable for New Milton Town at the moment.

"We're not blaming anyone and I have an agreement with Richard (out-going Bash chairman Richard Millbery) that we will keep the reasons private.

"We did hold extensive talks and we may talk again next season, but I'm not going to pin my hopes on that

"We have to concentrate on getting some sort of football going at New Milton next season and will be fielding a team in the Wessex League."

League."

The New Forest rivals had been discussing a move that would have seen a newly-named club – Bashley & New Milton – line up in the Southern Premier Division at the Linnets' Fawcett's Field home next term, subject to ratification from the Football Association.

Both outfits had distanced themselves from the term 'merger' with FA rules stating that any combined entity should take the place of the lower ranked club.

But the move has, for now, fallen

But the move has, for now, fallen through, with a Bashley statement confirming: "The proposed move to Fawcett's Field will no longer be proceeding.
"With several important dead-

"With several important deadlines approaching, it is not realistic for the move to be concluded in time for the 2013/14 season, and so Bashley FC will be remaining at Bashley Road for the foreseeable future.

"The club is actively seeking additional investment and sponsorship for the forthcoming season as we look to improve on this season's 17th-placed finish in the EvoStik League Southern Premier Division"

Division."

New Milton resigned from the Sydenhams League prior to the March 31 deadline on the under-



NO BLAME: John Breaker, left, has spoken on the scrapping of the Bashley 'merger'.

Results suffered in 'merger' talks

standing that they would have the option to rejoin the Wessex ranks should the Bashley move not go ahead.

But with results on the pitch suffering amid all the uncertainty surrounding the club's future, they will have to start afresh in Sydenhams One having finished bottom of the Premier pile.

Towards the end of last season

Towards the end of last season New Milton were struggling to raise a team, culminating in their trip to Newport IoW having to be

And, with no time left to rearrange the fixture, the New Forest club have been penalised with a fine and a three-point deduction which drops them to the foot of the table on 21 points, one adrift of Romsey Town. Newport, meanwhile, have been handed the victory, lifting them to a final position of sixth.

Asked whether New Milton

would be welcomed back into the Sydenhams ranks, SWL competition secretary John Gorman said: "The FA contacted the league to ask if we would be prepared to rescind their resignation and we said we would because we don't want to stop a club playing football, but New Milton will have to assure us that they're going to do things properly.

"We've written to them to ask what their intentions are."

Pewsey Vale and East Cowes Vics also had an unfulfilled fixture in Sydenhams One.

The league decided to award a draw, but Vics' point was taken away because they took the bulk of the blame for the game not going ahead.

Duo stay at 'Stoke

FORMER Eastleigh winger Shaun McAuley and ex-AFC Totton midfielder/defender Nathan Campbell are staying at Conference South club Basingstoke Town.

The pair have signed new oneyear deals at the Camrose Ground along with the team's 'heartbeat' Wes Daly.

McAuley, 26, found himself out of the side towards the end of last season, but manager Jason Bristow insists he will be an important player going forward.

Bristow insists he will be an important player going forward. "Shaun is a great asset to the team," said the boss. "He's great around the place, a fantastic and very forward-thinking player. "We are building a team of good players and he fits the bill."

good players and he fits the bill." Central midfielder Campbell, 24, joined Town from Southern Premier outfit Totton last summer. He found it hard to break into the side at first but became a regular towards the end of the season.

"Nathan was a big player for us, especially as we had a makeshift back four," said Bristow. "He deserves a new contract and will be an important player for us next year."

Daly, 29, has been the heartbeat of the team since joining

Basingstoke from Bromley two years ago.

"On his day Wes is one of the best passers in the league and his work-rate is tremen-

dous.

rate is McAULEY

which I think goes unnoticed. He is another important signing," added Bristow.

Daly, McAuley and Campbell join Ashley Bayes, Joe McDonnell, Adam Green, Rob Rice, Ross Adams, David Ray, Alex Charlick, Kieran Maylen, Simon Dunn and ex-Saints and Eastleigh attacker Jordace Holder-Spooner in resigning for the north Hampshire

However, at least four players will be leaving over the summer. Striker Delano Sam-Yorke has joined Blue Square Bet Premier

joined Blue Square Bet Premier outfit Cambridge United, while Matt Warner, Jide Ogunbote and Stefan Brown – who had a loan spell back at his old club AFC Totton last season – are not being offered new deals.

Warner departs after seven seasons at the Camrose and will be best remembered for scoring the only goal as Basingstoke dumped Chesterfield out of the FA Cup in 2006. "Playing for Basingstoke has meant everything to me," he said.

Bristow remains in talks with defenders Nathan Smart and Jay Gasson, midfielder Stuart Lake and strikers Manny Williams and





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ST MARY'S

TWO Hampshire companies have won the chance to play on the hallowed turf at St Mary's after triumphing in a charity football tournament.

Power Mortgages and Arqiva came out on top in the six-a-side event held at AFC Totton's Testwood Stadiumand now advance to the

grand final at the home of the Saints.

A total of 15 local firms and groups took part in the competition, which was held to raise money for the Saints Foundation and Wessex Heartheat.

Saints' main sponsors, aapa, organised the event and are likely to have raised in excess of £4,000 once the total is totted up.

Rod Jackson, the chief executive of aapa, said: "It's been brilliant, a great day and a great turnout. It was nice to see everyone supporting a really good cause.



volunteers, as well as AFC Totton for the use of their "fantastic" facilities.

The two winning teams are due to face off at

St Mary's on Monday, May 20.

Mr Jackson added: "To get the chance to play on a Premier League ground, and one that is in the running for one of the best in the country, is a fantastic opportunity."
Wessex Heartbeat chief executive Alison

Farrell said: "It's absolutely amazing. The com-

petition has been superbly organised by aapā.
"They are great supporters of Wessex
Heartbeat and have done a huge amount for



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Drew Smith Southampton League champions special



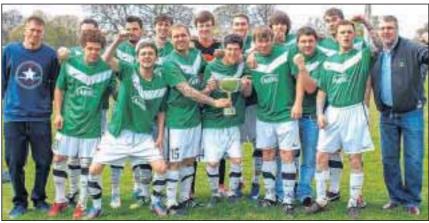
CHAMPIONS: Premier winners Bush Hill.



CHAMPIONS: Senior 1 winners Hedge End Town.



CHAMPIONS: Junior 1 winners Solent Saints.



CHAMPIONS: Junior 2 champions Harefield.



CHAMPIONS: Junior 3 winners AFC Gulf Western.



CHAMPIONS: Junior 4 winners Chandlers Ford.

Bush Hill make it FIVE Premier Division title on the trot

HAVING covered all the League's Cup Finals last week, this week we take a look at how the main Drew Smith Southampton Leagues were won.

The Premier title was won by Bush Hill for a record breaking fifth season running, writes ROD SUTHER-

Having suffered a defeat to Southampton University earlier in the season, it looked like it would not

be plain sailing for the favourites. However, the mid-season with-

drawal of the students - and the resultant expunging of their results – gave Bush just the impetus they

Hants Cup Finalists Netley CS pushed them all the way but a 3-1 defeat against Bush put the title in the latter's grasp.

The Senior 1 title showed that having the points in the bag is sometimes more important than games in hand.

Hedge End Town were always out in front but had played more than East Boldre, Soton Energy and Park

As those teams took points off each other, they paved the way for Hedge End to remain at the summit.

Boldre and Energy won one each against each other while Park just had too many games in too short a period to maintain their challenge.

A 3-0 win at BTC in their last match

All the top clubs performed creditably and any of them would grace the top flight should a hole appear as Bush Hill look to progress to the Hampshire Premier League.

OK Southampton A lead the Junior

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1 table for long periods but had always played more games than

Solent Saints always looked likely to be there or thereabouts.

The first round of midweek fixtures produced a 0-2 loss against main rivals Veracity Vipers, but winning margins of 27-2 over their last six games – including the crucial last match 2-0 v Riverside – saw them pip Vipers.

The Junior 2 division saw Compton Reserves take a seemingly unassailable lead by mid-March.

Harefield had not dropped any points but were bogged down in a variety of Cups.

As Harefield pulled back the games,

it became clear the title would be down to their meeting.

A 7-2 mauling in Harefield's favour

proved decisive. Bitterne and Warsash led Junior 3

for most of the season but fell away

badly in the run in.

AFC Gulf Western always had something in reserve and it was no surprise when they won the title following a 4-0 verdict over Capital.

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Drew Smith Southampton League champions special



CHAMPIONS: Junior 5 winners AFC Phoenix.



CHAMPIONS: Junior 6 winners Bishops Waltham Dynamos.



CHAMPIONS: Veterans A winners Colden Common.



CHAMPIONS: Veterans B winners Hythe Aztecs.



CHAMPIONS: Veterans C winners Langley Tavern.



CHAMPIONS: Over-40s winners Locks Heath

VETERANS A

Drew Smith Southampton League tables - how they finished

PREMIER								
	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	
Bush Hill	18	16	1	1	55	16	49	
Netley Central	18	14	1	3	39	21	43	
Comrades	18	13	2	3	65	27	41	
Cadnam United	18	10	2	6	40	30	32	
BTC Soton	18	6	2	10	40	55	20	
Bishopstoke WMC		6	2	10	30	55	20	
*Questmap	18	7	1	10	58	33	19	
Nursling	18	5	1	12	24	45	16	
AFC Hiltingbury	18	4	2	12	28	45	14	
Wh Star Wombles	18	1	2	15	7	59	5	
SENIOR 1								
	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	
Hedge End Tn	16	13	1	2	63	21	40	ı
*East Boldre	16	12	1	3	52	24	34	ı
Park Sports	16	11	0	5	42	19	33	ı
Soton Energy	16	10	0	6	66	27	30	
*Comrades Res	16	7	2	7	39	37	20	
BTC Soton Res	16	6	1	9	34	56	19	
Durley Res	16	5	1	10	28	54	16	
Dulley nes								
Burridge AFC	16	4	1	11	46	59	13	

JUNIOR 1						
	Ρ	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Solent Saints	16	13	1	2	47	11 40
Veracity Vipers	16	11	3	2	53	20 36
AFC Grains	16	8	2	6	25	29 26
Riverside	16	7	4	5	30	25 25
Q K Soton A	16	8	1	7	33	40 25
Langley Manor	16	5	3	8	29	42 18
Compton	16	3	6	7	32	42 15
*Forest Tn Res	16	3	1	12	20	34 9
Braishfield	16	2	3	11	24	50 9
JUNIOR 2						
	Ρ	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Harefield	18	18	0	0	69	17 54
Chamberlayne Ath	18	12	3	3	49	25 39
Compton Res	18	11	2	5	43	34 35
West Totton	18	10	1	7	43	34 31
FC Wellington	18	9	2	7	48	29 29
London Airways	18	9	1	8	30	32 28
Hamble Utd	18	5	2	11	40	50 17
*Questmap Res	18	5	2	11	39	60 14
Inmar	18	2	3	13	27	58 9
Otterbourne A	18	0	2	16	15	63 2

JUNIOR 3	Р	W	D	L	F	A Pts
AFC Gulf Western	18	17	1	0	48	7 52
Infinity Res	18	12	1	5	49	26 37
Bitterne	18	8	5	5	54	37 29
Warsash Wasps	18	9	2	7	43	43 29
*Stanton	18	9	2	7	51	23 26
Capital	18	7	2	9	43	44 23
Wellow	18	6	2	10	36	43 20
Totton Albion	18	5	3	10	32	54 18
Bricklayers AFC	18	3	4	11	29	76 13
AFC Gordons	18	2	2	14	15	47 8
JUNIOR 4						
	Ρ	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Chandlers Ford	16	12	1	3	44	19 37
Botley Village	16	9	3	4	39	24 30
Applewood Joinery		9	1	6	36	29 28
Priory Rovers	16	8	3	5	42	27 27
S G Sports	16	7	3	6	19	44 24
New Forest	16	7	2	7	34	42 23
*Harefield Res	16	7	2	7	38	37 19
Good Companions		3	2	11	27	33 11
Cricketers EastIgh	16	1	1	14	12	36 4

JUNIOR 5							
	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
AFC Phoenix XI	14	8	4	2	39	24	28
FC Wellington Res	14	8	3	3	37	28	27
Botley Village Res	14	7	5	2	39	21	26
Sporting Wessex	14	6	2	6	32	25	20
Athletico Romsey	14	6	2	6	28	24	20
Upham Res	14	4	1	9	32	42	13
*New Forest Res	14	4	3	7	27	30	11
Hamble Utd Res	14	1	4	9	14	54	7
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Sporting BTC A	12	8	2	2	20	17	26	
Nursling	12	7	2	3	18	15	23	
BTC Soton A	12	6	1	5	33	21	19	
Q K Soton	12	4	0	8	21	36	12	
Redlynch & W	12	2	1	9	19	36	7	
GE Aviation A	12	1	1	10	12	22	4	
VETERANS B	_		_		_		ъ.	
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	
Hythe Aztec	14	13	1	0	42	8	40	
Hedge End Rang	14	11	1	2	33	15	34	
Baddesley Park	14	6	2	6	25	28	20	
R S Winchester	14	5	3	6	29	26	18	
G E Aviation B	14	4	5	5	30	33	17	
Northend Utd	14	5	0	9	24	28	15	
Compton	14	4	0	10	25	38	12	
Sporting BTC B	14	2	0	12	17	49	6	
VETERANS C								
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	I

Langley Tavern	16	13	0	3	42	21	39				
Woolston	16	10	5	1	47	24	35				
Langley Manor	16	10	0	6	66	22	30				
AFC Stoneham	16	9	1	6	44	30	28				
Royal Mail Vets	16	8	2	6	37	37	26				
Michelmersh &T	16	6	2	8	39	35	20				
Priory Rover	16	3	5	8	29	52	14				
Sholing Vets	16	3	0	13	23	52	9				
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Youth football spotlight ... Youth football spotlight ...



SOUTHAMPTON BOYS UNDER-14S. Back (from left): Phil Ward (manager), Liam Attrill, Craig Woodman, Ollie Dennett, Sam Woodward, Matthew Brewer, Tommy Barnes, Tyler Corder ©, Kieran Winman, Tom Nash. Front Row: Mitchell Stedman, Jack Wilson, Jake Willis-Delimore, Will Lovell, Owen Fee, Shaun McKenna, Dylan Kirkwood, Josh Ragio. Order no:

Boys make it a double



CRASH: More action from Southampton's clash with Gosport.

SOUTHAMPTON Boys are eveing success in next season's English Schools' FA Under-15 Trophy after completing a Hampshire League and Cup double at Under-14 level, writes Mike Vimpany.

They added the county district representative cup to the league trophy through a first half goal by Wildern's Sam Woodward, whose first half goal clinched a 1-0 win over Gosport & Fareham at Totton & Eling's Little Testwood Farm ground.

Southampton dominated the first half and should have scored a couple of goals before an excellent one-on-one finish by Sam Woodward gave them the advantage.

Gosport & Fareham emerged from the half-time break much stronger and for the first 15 minutes put Southampton under pressure.

But Southampton finished the stronger and had opportunities to extend their lead.

Southampton manager Phil Ward said: "The game was played in an excellent manner and I was delighted with outcome of the season overall. The



"I'm really looking forward to next year as I have the core of an outstanding squad and I know Hampshire league and cup

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Youth football spotlight ...



NOADSWOOD SCHOOL YEAR 9S. Back (L-R): Terry Shearsmith (teacher), Brad Hunt, Harrison Fay, Robbie Shaw, Callum Croucher, Freddie Molyneux, Billy Coleman, Pieter Lever, Tom Ladbury. Front: Jordan Smith, Jake Boon, Matt Jones, Tom Nash, Harry Swainston, Ben Goodridge.

Noadswood dominate

NOADSWOOD are celebrating a City of Southampton Schools FA double, winning the Under-14 and Under-15 trophies at the first time of asking, writes Mike Vimpany.

Waterside-based, they have previously played in New Forest competitions, but they're made their presence felt in the City by snatching both the year 9 and ten trophies.

Noadswood, who beat Applemore and

Priestlands to reach the Year 9 final at Colden Common, came from behind after Jeremy Ord had given Hamble a second half lead with a fierce shot.

Pieter Lever levelled things up before Brad Hunt teed up a perfect free kick for Tom Nash to score Noadswood's winner.

It set up a dramatic finale, with Hamble hitting the post and then goalkeeper Callum Croucher tipping the ball on to the crossbar in the final minute to prevent extra-time

Noadswood carried off the Year 10 spoils with a 2-0 win over Sholing in the

final, both goals coming in the early stages of each half. Noadswood were a goal up in two min-

Noadswood were a goal up in two minutes - Harry Hawkins got down the left to set up Callum Chugg to score. Ollie Pike, who had saved a penalty in

Ollie Pike, who had saved a penalty in a dramatic sudden-death shoot-out victory over Upper Shirley High in the quarter-finals, kept Noadswood's noses in front.

Skipper Dom Mullen clinched it early in the second half when his free-kick deceived the Sholing goalkeeper to make it 2-0.



NOADSWOOD SCHOOL YEAR 10S. Back (I-r): Oliver Marsh (teacher), Taylor Robinson, Mitch Hunt, Jake Surman, Kieren Farrell, Sam Kelly, Callum Chugg. Front: Charlie Crouch, Sam Porter, Charlie Payne, Ollie Pike, Dom Mullen, George Pooley, Harry Hawkins.

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FORDINGBRIDGE Town under-11s are pictured celebrating completing a promotion and cup double. They won promotion to Division 1 of the Testway Youth League with a remarkable 9-1 win at Tidworth, who had done the double over them in the regular league season. Birthday boy Adam Harding scored four with other goals coming from Rian Artingstall (2), Sam Penton, Charlie Dawkins and Jack Cunningham. Squad: Jack Thorne, Jack Cunningham, Rob Bailey, Ted Wright, Ollie Bayliss, Sam Penton, Adam Harding, Rian Artingstall, Ben Foot, Ben Carter, Adam Stompidissel, Charlie Hawkins.



Back (I to r) Jack Purchase, Daniel Kellaway, Rob Howard, Liam Donachy, Adam Hinks, Ben Mogg, Gus Levinson, Luke Taylor, Dan Crutchley. Front: Callum Ross, Alex Kelly, Ollie Soulsby, Ben Blake, Harry Cornick, Jamie Knowles, Ashley Cox.

POOLE Grammar overcame horrendous weather conditions - and Corfe Hills - to win the Dorset Schools' Under-18 Cup for a fourth time in five years. They beat their arch Broadstone rivals 2-0 with Ben Mogg and Cherries-bound Harry Cornick scoring the goals in their farewell PGS appearances.



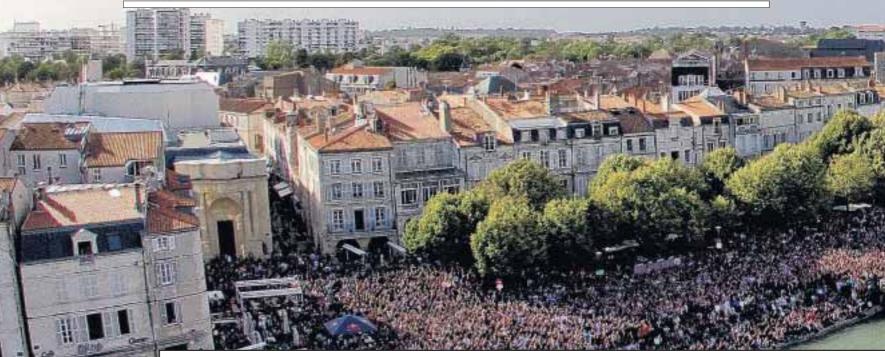
Poole Grammar's Year 11s, pictured, completed a Dorset Cup double when they beat Twynham 1-0 in the final at Chapel Gate. Harry Heap headed the winner from a corner.



WINCHESTER-based Worthy's YFC under 9s are pictured celebrating their Testway Youth League runners-up spot, which they claimed with play-off success against Wolvesdene.

From left: Vaughn Lynas, Noah Murdock, Ethan Wheatley, Jacob Crombie, Callum Patterson, Bradley Clarke, Michael Greene, Thomas Phillips, Jack Skeats, Hamish Clark, Ollie Shedden, Tia Gelder, Luke Salwey, Robbie Sibley.





TRIPLE cliff diving world champion Gary Hunt is expecting tough competition from two fellow countrymen this year.

The 28 year-old will begin the latest defence of the Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series title in La Rochelle, France next weekend.

He is expecting his toughest campaign yet as he bids to retain the title he first won in 2010.

That is largely due to the inclusion of former Southampton Diving Academy colleague Blake Aldridge and Matthew Cowan.

"The UK is the only country with three divers taking part and both Blake and Matthew have great ability, so we've got a good chance of one of us winning the series," says Hunt, who was based in Eastleigh before moving to France last year.

"I've known Matthew for a long time, from when we both did 10m

Simon Walter

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competitions together.

"He started doing diving shows when he was 17/18, but last year he got the chance to compete from 27m in Wales when the Cliff Diving World Series went to the UK for the first time.

"We don't know how he'll cope with the pressure but he's very motivated and a big talent.

"It wouldn't surprise me if he climbs up the ladder very quickly.

"Blake's another amazing talent, he's performed at the Olympic Games and has a series under his helt

"He was a disappointed to finish ninth last year but he was carrying an injury from the start and if he stays injury-free he'll be pushing for the podium. "He's got the guts to throw big dives."

Gary came out on top in a thrilling finale to last year's series, pipping his great rival, the Colombian Orlando Duque, at the final event

In the end, Hunt's margin of victory – after Duque had led the series for most of the year – was just two points.

New dive

To stay on top, Hunt is likely to introduce a new dive at some stage during the next five months.

"Every year has got more and more difficult," he explained.

"There's not just Orlando behind me but plenty of other divers with that fire and motivation to take my title.

"I know I have to be on my toes." Hunt's new dive will begin with a handstand take-off and has already been used in competition by Aldridge.

"I'm not going to try it straight away, I'm more comfortable when we get a few rounds under our belts," he said.

"Initially I'll learn it with one backwards arm stand with twoand-a-half somersaults and three twists.

"If it goes well I'll add another

"But I always have a reasonably high ratio of difficulty anyway so it's sensible for me to get a few under my belt first."

Hunt has also been working on his flexibility as he prepares for the opening round in La Rochelle.

opening round in La Rochelle.

"As soon as the new year begins I get back into training and I'm now feeling fully ready and fit," he

explains. "Out of season, we don't train off



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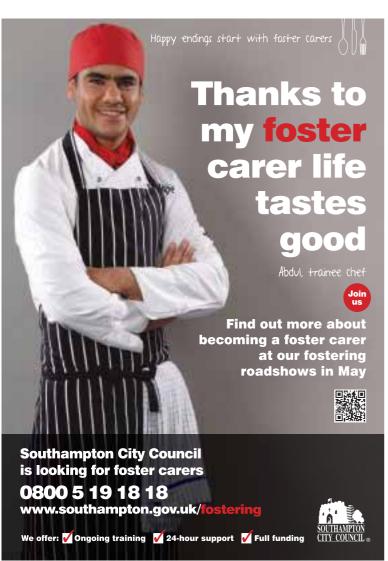
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Late tries can't help **Spitfires**

Southampton Spitfires U14 28 Eastern Rhinos (Ipswich) U14 32

A LATE try blitz was not enough to secure the two league points on offer for Southampton Spitfires in their league encounter with Ipswich side Eastern Rhinos last Saturday.

The Rhinos struck first, scoring back-to-back tries after Southampton had failed to turn early pressure into points.

But they showed great composure to level the game with two tries of their own either side of the 20-minute mark

A neat offload from Adam Warner allowed Jay Willis to cross for the home side's opening score.

Then a crossfield kick on the last tackle found Prop Chris Wallis who powered his way over for his side's

Ewan Watson missed the first conversion but made sure with the other, leaving the scores locked at 10-10.

Shortly before half time Southampton lost possession in their own half and the Rhinos scored from



ACTION: Spitfires U14s v Rhinos U14s.

the resulting scrum.

The conversion was missed but the Rhinos held on for a 14-10 lead at the break.

The visitors extended their advantage to 18 points after the break, with three tries all scored under the posts which allowed the Rhinos kicker to easily add the extras for a 28-10 lead.

A further Rhinos try proved decisive, despite the missed conversion. as it left Southampton facing a mountainous task.

They showed great resolve to fight their way back into the game, producing a scintillating late scoring

Great probing runs from Hooker Gary Smart coupled with support from Daffyd Gorry and Jo Campbell who linked brilliantly with the backs to create space for Adam Warner to cross from close range.

Jay Wallis scored two more tries, one down each wing, for his first ever try hat-trick and wrapping up the man of the match award in the process

Watson converted all three scores but still lost 32-28.

The club is keen to hear from new players at any stage of the season. Visit www.southamptonspitfires.co.uk for details.

City of Southampton Sunday/Youth Leagues ENGLISH CHAMPS

SHERFIELD English clinched the City of Southampton **Sunday League Junior 2 title** after winning their last two games of the season.

They followed up a midweek win against Sporting Compass by beating Cherbourg in another home

Luke Shergold netted twice in a 7-1 caning of Compass with further goals coming from Adam Quick, Shaun Woodhouse, Tom Webb, Nathan Bailey and Steve Carter,

Kev Betlam replying.

Bailey and Jazz Bray-Wheatley were on target against Cherbourg, Luke Stanton replying.

Matthew McKenzie struck a hat-trick as AFC Southampton caned Sporting Compass 6-2 last Sunday.

Lewis Hunt (2) and Nattiel Lynch also scored as Compass completed a miserable four days during which they conceded 13 goals.

• Hampshire Yeoman celebrated winning the Junior 4 title with a 3-0

win at Royale Marine.
Jake Voller (2) an
Wilkinson were on target.

AV Chivas finished second after a 3-2 home win over Eastpoint, with Ben Davies, Jon Andrews and James Martin on target. Chris Hall and Dan Brunnen replied for Eastpoint, who were 3-0 down at half-time.

EDIS drew 1-1 with Boyatt Wood Wanderers, for whom Jason Palmer cancelled out Paul Mail's goal for the hosts.

• Top two Bridge AFC and Woodmill carried on winning in

Leaders Bridge won 4-1 at Totton Town with goals from Jamie Whittaker (2), Rob Elder and Toby

Withey, Tom Rafferty replying.
Matt Fitzpatrick and Tommy
Stringer both scored twice as second placed Woodmill beat rock bottom Echo 6-3. Liam Fielder. Alan Gates and Paul Wheeler replying.

Leaders Obelisk failed to win for only the second time in Junior Division 5 when they were held 3-3 by third placed Bridge AFC



CITY of Southampton Youth League Secretary Ewan Webster surveys the waterlogged AFC Totton pitch that forced the midweek under-18 Cup final between the host club and Eastleigh to be postponed. With Totton's pitch now undergoing repair work, league officials are searching for an alternative venue.

Mitch Turley scored twice for Obelisk, with a Matty Tench own goal giving them a point after they had trailed 3-2 at half-time to James Shirley (2) and Jamie Rosher.

High-scoring

Itchen Saints won 6-5 at AFC Bishopstoke with goals from Jack McStay (2), Jamie Wilson, Ben Sutherland, Tony Hammond and Jamie Martin.

Ryan Young (3), Luke Harris and Andrez Kolon replied for Bishopstoke, who were 2-1 up at half-time.

Chartwell Green Reserves were also involved in a high-scoring game against Ampfield, but unfortunately for the latter won 11-1.

Craig King led the spree with a

hat-trick with Grant Murdock (2), Tony Sullivan, Callum Channel, Ryan Brooks, Dave Lawson, Max Elis and Paul Bagley also scoring. Peter Gates replied for Ampfield.

Neil Brown (2) and Dave Middleton scored for Burridge in a 3-1 home win over Banister Park, who replied through Alex Whichelo.

In a midweek game, Cherbourg Reserves had won 2-0 at JSC with goals from Josh Laney and Brad Taylor.

• Sky Blues maintained their 100 per cent record in Junior Division 6 with a 3-0 win at Athletico Totton.

On target were Josh Hawkins, Ashley Leach and Chris Ashley Armstrong.

Second placed HSC Southern Stars caned AFC Bishopstoke Reserves 6-0 with Ramazan Mahammed (2), Diogo Ribeiro, Kayode Akinsanya, Mohammed Kayode Akinsanya, Mohammed Artian and Imran Msallam on tar-

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Goals from Tom Reed, Craig Renwick and Jack Edgerley gave Test Valley Spartans a 3-1 home win over Portside, Chris Norman

replying.

Danny Dixon scored for Netley RBL in a 2-1 home loss to

Southampton Classic.

Crofton Saints clinched the under-21 division title with a 4-4 draw against Burridge Youth.

Rory Wood, Josh Borg, Paul Watson and Nick Andrews scored

as Crofton hit back from 0-2 down at half-time.

City of Southampton Sunday League – how they stand

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Knighton Arms	10	10	0 0	53	6	30	Newtown Athletic	14	4	1 9	33	48	13	Carnival U.K.	15	4	0 11	26	80	12	Bannister Park	18	3	3 12	33	68	12
City Central	11	9	0 2	53	13	27	Castle Inn	12	3	1 8	24	50	10	Sherfield English Res	16	1	2 13	22	82	5	J.S.C.	18	U	1 17	16	96	1
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Westwood Old Boys	11	2	0 9	19	47	6	Sherfield English		12	3 1	67	25	39	A.V. Chivas	16		0 4	45	27	36	H.S.C. Southern Stars		13	2 2	85	23	41
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Woodmill	12	11	0 1	60	20	33	L.H. Galaxy	16	8	3 5	41	22	27	A.F.C. Bishopstoke	16	10	1 5	47	36	31	Burridge Youth	11	6	4 1	49	22	22
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F.C. Railway	14	6	4 4	46	35	22	Landguard Rovers	15	7	1 7	44	38	22	Ampfield	15	9	0 6	66	60	27	Michelmersh & Timsbury	12	0	0 12	12	92	0

Hampshire Cricket nostalgia

Hampshire first innings RE Marshall b Greenhough
JR Gray c and b Greenhough
H Horton c Bond b Greenhough
DO Baldry c Bond b Collins
RD Flood lbw b Greenhough
ACD Ingleby-Mackenzie not out
L Harrison c Dyson b Greenhough30
AR Wassell not out
Extras (1 b, 2 lb)
Total (6 wickets, declared, 114 overs)394
Fall of wickets: 1-87, 2-113, 3-173, 4-215, 5-302, 6-360
Bowling: Higgs 31-5-112-0: Marner 9-0-38-0:
Greenhough 41-16-110-5; Dyson 22-1-82-0; Collins 8-0- 33-1; Green 3-0-16-0

33-1; Green 3-0-16-0
Lancashire first innings DM Green b Baldry

Greenhough 6- 0-18-0; Wharton 8-0-39-3
Lancashire second innings 0 DM Green c Marshall b Shackleton 0 A Wharton c Flood b Heatth 32 JD Bond b Heatth 10 KJ Grieves C Harrison b Shackleton 1 FT Marner c Harrison b Heatth 4 R Collins c Harrison b Heatth 18 J Dyson not out 25 G Clayton c Gray b Wassell 5 T Greenhough c Horton b Shackleton 0 K Higgs c Horton b Wassell 0 C Washbrook absent hurt 0 Extras 0
Total (all out, 52.1 overs)
Bowling: Shackleton 18-10-29-3; Heath 17-4-50-4; Baldry 3-3-0-0; Gray 5-4-6-0; Burden 4-2-10-0; Wassell 5.1-5-0-2
Hampshire won by 234 runs

Schweppes County Championship, County Ground, Southampton, June 1982

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I Cockbain c Parks b Tremlett	.31
G Fowler c Pocock b Marshall	2
D Lloyd c Rice b Marshall	. 0
CH Lloyd c Southern b Marshall	
DP Hughes c Rice b Jesty	.40
J Abrahams b Marshall	0
BW Reidy c Parks b Emery	
C Maynard b Jesty	20
J Simmons c Rice b Marshall	50
CEH Croft c Parks b Emery	
LL McFarlane not out	
Extras (5 lb, 14 nb)	
Total (all out, 73.1 overs)	
Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-23, 3-40, 4-70, 5-77, 6-103,	/-
128, 8-145, 9-190, 10-210 (73.1 ov)	
Bowling: Marshall 18.1-7- 48-5; Emery 20-5- 55 -2;	
Tremlett 15- 8- 22-1; Jesty 18-5-56-2; Southern 2-0 -	10-
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Tremlett 15- 8- 22-1; Jesty 18-5-56-2; Southern 2-0 -10-0
Hampshire first innings 9 CG Greenidge b McFarlane .9 JM Floce A bardams b Croft .4 MCJ Nicholas Ibw b Simmons .31 TE Jesty c Hughes b Croft .2 NEJ Pocock c Reidy b Hughes .16 NGC Cowley C CH Lloyd b Hughes .71 MD Marshall not out .116 TM Tremiett c Abrahams b Hughes .2 RJ Parks run out .28 JW Southern not out .16 Extras (3 b, 6 lb, 5 nb, 1 w) .15 Total (8 wickets, declared, 119 overs) .458 Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-17, 3-21, 4-90, 5-261, 6-312, 7-334, 8-438 80Wing: Croft 27-3-102-2; McFarlane 23-3-102-1; Reidy 18-6-58-0; Simmons 22-6-53-1; D Lloyd 8-1-36-0; Abrahams 7-0-29-0; Hughes 14-0-63-3
Lancashire second innings

0, Abrahams 7-0 -25 -0, magnes 14- 0- 05 -5
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CEH Croft run out
LL McFarlane lbw b Jesty 0
Extras (7 b, 8 lb, 5 nb, 2 w)
Total (all out, 117.3 overs)359
Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-28, 3-67, 4-185, 5-292, 6-296,
7-301, 8-347, 9-358, 10-359 (117.3 ov)
Bowling: Marshall 32-9 -108-3; Emery 26- 7-71- 3; Jesty
16 3-5-42-2: Southern 17-4-62-0: Cowley 26-11-54-1



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Hampshire first innings
MCJ Nicholas c Stanworth b Radford0
CL Smith c Stanworth b Watkinson
DR Turner b Makinson
TE Jesty c Stanworth b Watkinson
JJE Hardy c Stanworth b Radford5
NEJ Pocock c Hughes b Watkinson
NGC Cowley c Hughes b O'Shaughnessy 12
RJ Parks run out
EL Reifer not out
TM Tremlett not out
Extras (11 lb, 5 nb, 2 w)
Total (8 wickets, declared, 89.4 overs)300
Fall of wickets: 1-0. 2-12. 3-91. 4-122. 5-224. 6-225. 7-
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254, 8-277 **Bowling:** Radford 25.4-4-83-2; Watkinson 22-7- 55-3; Makinson 20-4-59-1; O'Shaughnessy 18-1-75-1;

DW Varey C Jessry D Cowley SJ O'Shaughnessy not out 10 Extras (1 b, 5 lb, 4 nb) 17 total (1 wicket, declared, 58 overs) 27 Fall of wickets: 1-63 Bowling: Connor 12-4-36-0; Tremlett 5-1-25-0; Relifer O-18-0; Cowley 14-4-39-1; Smith 16-1-89-0; Pocock 9-0-60-0
Hampshire second innings McJ. Nicholas c Abrahams b O'Shaughnessy
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Lancashire first innings GD Mendis c Maru b James GD Mendis c Maru b James GP Solver C Parks b Marshall 130 MA Atherton c Maru b Marshall 137 NH Fairbrother b Nicholas 159 TE Jesty not out 71 M Watkinson not out 25 Extras (15 lb, 2 nb, 2 w) 19 Total (4 wickets, declared, 110 overs) 475 Fall of wickets: 1-65, 2-151, 3-295, 4-408 Bowling: Marshall 18-1-63-2; Balker 14-5-50-0; Connor 19-4-80-0; Maru 25-1-100-0; James 18-3-85-1; CL Smith 1-0-1-0; Nicholas 15-0-61-1.
Hampshire first innings VP Terry Ibw b Austin

HA Smith not out
MCJ Nicholas b Fitton
MD Marshall not out
Extras (4 b. 10 lb. 1 nb. 1 w)
Total (4 wickets, declared, 104 overs)
Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-126, 3-168, 4-224
Bowling: Martin 17-3-51-0; Watkinson 20-5-70-1; Au
17-6-29-1; Fitton 28-5-99-2; Atherton 22-7-73-0
Lancashire second innings
GD Mendis b Bakker
G Fowler c Nicholas b Connor
JD Fitton c CL Smith b Marshall
MA Atherton c Terry b Connor
TE Jesty not out
M Watkinson c Wood b Maru
WK Hegg c Terry b Maru
ID Austin not out

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M Watkinson c Wood b Maru	
WK Hegg c Terry b Maru	
ID Austin not out	20
Extras (4 b, 5 lb, 3 nb)	12
Total (6 wickets, declared, 43.5 overs)14	17
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-25, 3-34, 4-35, 5-66, 6-96 Bowling: Marshall 9-3-18-1; Bakker 13-7-14-1; Conno 8-1-40-2; Maru 8-1-23-2; RA Smith 5-1-36-0; Wood 0.5-0-7-0	r
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KD James c Hegg b Austin
RA Smith c Watkinson b Hughes
MCJ Nicholas c Fowler b Austin
JR Wood run out1
MD Marshall c Hughes b Austin
RJ Parks not out
RJ Maru not out
Extras (4 b, 4 lb)
Total (7 wickets, 63.1 overs)
Fall of wickets: 1-188, 2-194, 3-197, 4-217, 5-217, 6-
261, 7-286
Bowling: Martin 5-0-21-0: Watkinson 16-1-67-0: Austin
18-1-60-4; Fitton 3-0-14-0; Atherton 3-0-24-0; Hughes
18.1-1-93-2

Hampshire won by 3 wickets

HAMPSHIRE fixtures 2013

APRIL 10-13 Leicestershire (h) LVCC2 Hants 454-7 dec (J Vince 148, G Bailey 93, S Ervine 69, A Wheater 56no), Leics 143 (J Tomlinson 4-23) & 182-5. <i>Match drawn</i>
17-19 Loughborough UCCE (h) FR Hampshire 377-4 (J Vince 114, A Wheater 102no, J Adams 96) & 189-1 (M Carberry 118m J Adams 61no), Loughborough 163 (D Griffiths 5-68) & 245 (J Vince 5-41). <i>Won by 155 runs</i>
24-27 Worcestershire (h) LVCC2 Hants 500-9 dec (J Adams 219no, M Carberry 62, J Vince 52), Worcs 206 & 252. Won by an innings and 42 runs
29-May 2 Essex (a) LVCC2 Hampshire 197 (S Ervine 60) & 199 (J Vince 67, L Dawson 52), Essex 254 & 143-6. Hampshire lost by four wickets
MAY 3 Essex Eagles (a),
5 Scotland (h) CB40 Scotland 192-7, Hampshire 194-5 (J Adams 51, L Dawson 54no). Hampshire won by nine wickets
6 Surrey (a)
Hampshire lost nine wickets
8-11 Gloucestershire (a) LVCC2 Hampshire 274 (J Adams 138, D Briggs 54) & 120-4, Gloucestershire 400-4 dec. <i>Drawn</i>
19 Durham Dynamos (h) CB40 22 Lancashire (h) CB40 (FL) 23-26 Lancashire (h) LVCC2 29-1 Northamptonshire (a) LVCC2
JUNE
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24-27 Essex (h) LVCC2

THE DAILY ECHO **SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013**

Local Cricket Spotlight

CAPTAIN Ryan Beck was hoping brotherly love can play its part as he plans to name three pairs of siblings in New Milton's line-up today.

Joe Prodomo, a goalkeeper with Wessex League club Fawley during the football season, joins twin Tom for the Division 1 trip to Hartley Wintney to complete a trio of family ties. Milton already have

fearsome batting duo Nick and James Park, who racked up 215 runs in last week's abandoned match with Hook & Newnham

Beck's brother Nick Elliott is a regular for the Fernhill Lane outfit.

The unlikely scenario came about as Beck's other brother, Lee, was unavailable, leading to Joe Prodomo being promoted from the sec

ond team.
And the New Milton
skipper, who was looking to build on his side's strong start to the Division One season, says having family connections to call on hands his team an advantage.

Ryan Beck said: "We have a good mix in the team at the moment and it has got to help. When you grow up playing alongside each other, you know what the other is going to do.

"The two Park boys are a good example with the way they batted last week and, if they can do it week in week out, I will definitely take that.

"I don't know whether we have ever named three sets of brothers in our side before but I can't think of it happen-

on Milton's opponents, who have lost their opening two matches, Beck added: "I think we have to be confident but Hartley are a funny side, particularly at home.

"We managed to break our jinx there last year but it is a hard place to go because of the size of the pitch. It will give us a different kind of test but, with a tough game to come at Sarisbury Athletic next week, we really have to be winning matches

Pairs pack talent IOM IVAIKS talent

TOM Arnold barely stands five feet six inches at the crease, but he must have felt ten feet tall after his superb one-man show sent Basingstoke & North Hants crashing out of the ECB national **club championship and set Totton** & Eling up for a tasty home tie in the regional semi-final next month.

The 19-year Southampton Solent University fresher hit an unbeaten 84 to steer Totton & Eling from the brink of defeat to a dramatic one-wicket win with only a handful of balls to spare.

The Eels were struggling at 139-9, still needing another 40 runs to overhaul Basingstoke's rain adjusted 188 off 39 overs. What natural light remained was

fast fading, but the former Bramshaw prospect remained unruffled at the crease and calmly steered Totton to a thrilling win.

Basingstoke were struggling themselves at 106-5 (Chris Froud 40), but went on to reach 192-6 off 40 overs through Dan Coombs (47) and Graham Porter (32) who lashed a six-strewn 22 off the final over, and Chris Chandler (16).

Darren Augustus (34) and Dave Taylor (17) gave Totton a decent start, but Basingstoke gradually made inroads, reducing the Eels to 92-6 and By Mike Vimpany

later - with Porter (4-33) racing in at speed - 139-9. All the time Arnold, who came in at five, remained cool, easing past 50 before last-man Harry Henley-Smith joined him.

The two 19-year olds handled the situation with amazing calm: Henley-Smith playing a straight bat and Arnold punishing anything loose

He was particularly severe, hit-ting 16 off a solitary over of leftarm spin from David Pistorius.

Arnold went on to hit four sixes appropriately the last to clinch Totton's victory – and eight fours in a superb 84 not out to win the

> Totton will

UNRUFFLED: Tom Arnold.

know their semi-final opponents tomorrow (Sunday) evening after Bashley (Rydal) have 'replayed' their second round tie at Valley End. Last Sunday's original tie was

washed out at tea, Bashley having been dismissed for 148 (Simon Watkins 42) on

a poor and gen-erally unsatisfactory strip.
Village Cup

winners Lord's in 2008, Valley End are making rapid progress through the Ryman Surrey Championship pyramid and, in many ways, have outgrown themselves.

Their pleasant treefringed ground is now small too for S u r r e y Championship criteria, so the club is relocating a six-hit or so away on an where temporary Portacabins serve as dressing rooms and tea rooms until funds are available to build a new pavilion and clubhouse to serve the two squares on the new site.

The strip on which Bashley played

left much to be desired.

The third ball of the match shot along the floor, pinning Neil Thurgood plum in front, while at the opposite end, where Valley End employed their spinners, the ball fre-

quently reared up off a length.

Batting wasn't fun, but who knows whether Bashley's 148 would have been enough?
It would have been a challenging

target for the Surrey side, who will get another chance tomorrow – provided the threatened rain holds off.

Havant are through - to face either Guildford or Roffey - after Alton conceded their second round tie at the halfway stage last week.

Scott Myers hit a splendid 19-four 104 as a patched up Alton, containing only two first team regulars, posted 191-5 (Jon Dow 45) in 38 overs when the rains came.

Alton are unable to field a side for a potential 'replay' tomorrow - one of their players is getting married – so they have handed Havant a walkover.

Havant will visit either Guildford or Roffey, who were also washed out at tea. Roffey host tomorrow's tie.

Something to celebrate

CALMORE SPORTS' centenary celebrations could hardly have begun on a more promising note than victories in the opening two Southern Electric Premier League, Division 2 matches against Tichborne Park an Basingstoke & North Hants. and

Fifteen-year old Ben Johns, with an unbeaten 122, was the hero of Calmore's win at Tichborne Park, while Paul Cass produced his 'finest hour' for some years with a sparkling all-round performance which, with the support of Australian teenager Elijah Turriff-Smith, lifted Calmore Sports out of the mire and set up a remarkable 14-run win over new-boys Basingstoke & North Hants.

"I didn't have that one ticked off as a potential victory," said skipper Darren Vann, talking about the

Basingstoke win. Cass rescued Calmore from a desperate 34-5 after Basingstoke seamer Ryan Connor (4-9), darting the ball off the damp Loperwood Park surface, had carved through the top order.



CALMORE SPORTS: Left to right: Standing: Elijah Turriff-Smith, Paul Proudley, Mike West, Tom Perry, Matt Maiden, James Rose. Front: Ben Johns, Tom Pegler, Darren Vann, Paul Cass, Mark Lavelle.

But, with Turriff-Smith (16) and Paul Proudley providing key lower-order support, Cass made 71, including a six and eight fours, to hoist Calmore to 143 all out.

It proved more than a competitive total for Basingstoke, whose fielders spilled catches and generally didn't equip themselves with any distinction in the field.

Basingstoke crumbled from 34-1 to 57-5 with Cass (2-39) then impacting with the ball.

Martyn James (38) tried his best to hold the innings together, but Turriff-Smith, Calmore's level headed 18-year old left-arm spinning recruit from the Willetton Grade club in Western Australia, recovered from having 15 runs hit off his opening over and proceeded to rip out the lower order with a 4-27 return to leave Basingstoke 14 runs short on

129 all out. Giving a helping hand was club stalwart Stuart Bailey, who replaced teenager Michael Donovan and proceeded to snare a stumping and four catches.

"Stu seldom plays much nowadays, but he's still a fine keeper and he did us proud, even though he was so stiff he was still struggling to walk four days after the game,' Vann chuckled.

Calmore took their two wins into today's visit to Hursley Park, one of the other sides to cherish success on the opening day of the season.
Calmore's centenary cele-

brations include a bank holiday Sunday match against the MCC at Loperwood Park on August 25 2013.

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH LOCAL CRICKET IN THE DAILY ECHO AND PINK

Local Cricket Spotlight

T20 cup gets under way Dan out

THE first salvos in the Southern Electric twenty20 Cup – the Premier League's equalivant of Australia's Big Bash - will be fired at five separate venues tomorrow (Sunday afternoon) at 3pm. Three first round ties takes place

just off the A36 and the other two in Portsmouth.

Thirty clubs have entered the popular Sunday afternoon competition, which will climax in a floodlight final at the Ageas Bowl in July.

Cup holders Bashley (Rydal) and runners-up Havant, who fought out that breath-taking tie under the



lights last season, don't come into the competition until the second round phase.

But 2012 semi-finalists Sarisbury Athletic head up tomorrow's action with a fascinating tie against

Fawley at Holbury. Several miles inland New Forest President's Cup holders Langley Manor pit their strengths against Basingstoke & North Hants who, in their pomp, dominated the old Echo Trophy competition and took the cup back to May's Bounty three years on the trot.

OTs & Romsey have seldom pulled up many trees previously, but if they can get Australian Alex Keath out cheaply, they'll fancy chances against uth alongside the their Bournemouth Rapids.

Keath played for the Melbourne Stars in this winter's Big Bash but probably won't want to be reminded of the tanking he got from Adam Voges, who took 27 runs off his solitary over for the Perth Scorchers in front of what was a record WACA crowd.

New Zealander Greg Dawson caprains Andover, who face a potentially tricky tie against United Services at Burnaby Road, while a mile or so away at St Helen's on Southsea seafront, Lymington tackle Portsmouth, who have made a fine start to the league season in Division 3. The remainder of the SEt20 Cup first round ties take place next Sunday, May 26

in front

NINE batsmen have chalked up centuries in the opening two rounds of Southern Electric Premier League matches, with two bowlers celebrating six-wicket returns.

Dan Payne's 142 for Sparsholt against Tichborne Park last week is the highest individual score so far, though former Bournemouth opener Nick Park, dropped down a league to play for New Milton, has made 220

runs in his two visits to the crease. Fair Oak's Andy Mash, pictured, and Bashley (Rydal) II seamer Jake Lilley have produced to best bowling

Figures to date.
Leading individual performances –
Batsmen
142: Dan Payne, Sparsholt v Tichborne Park

142: Dan Payne, Sparshc (SPL2)
125: Matt Love, Hook & Newnham Basics v Hartley Wintney (SPL1)
122: Ben Johns, Calmore Sports v Tichborne Park (SPL2)
117: Sean Terry,
Bashley (Rydal) v Havant (SPLPD)
117: Nick Park, New Milton v Hook & Newnham Basics

(SPL1)
112: Cameron
Grierson, Lymington v
AANDY MASH
Academy (SPLPD)
109: Matt Benfield,
Portsmouth & Southsea v Basingstoke II (SPL3)
107: Rob Nicklin, Liphook & Ripsley v Rowledge ANDY MASH

(SPL1) 105: Muhammad Rizwin, Basingstoke II v Portsmouth & Southsea (SPL3)

Portsmouth & Souursea Co. —,
Bowling
6-44: Andy Mash, Fair Oak v Basingstoke & North
Hants II (SPL3)
6-46: Jake Lilley, Bashley (Rydal) II v Portsmouth &
Southsea (SPL3)
5-9: Eddie Abel, South Wilts v Bournemouth
(SPLPD)
5-29: Mark Oliver, Hursley Park v United Services
(SDL 2)

(SPL2) 5-41: Dave Cox, United Services v Basingstoke & North Hants (SPL2)

Debut for Sway

SWAY make their Village Cup bow tomorrow (Sunday) with a fascinating second round home tie against Southern Electric Premier League, Division 1 side Burridge,

The New Forest club is making rapid strides in Hampshire League cricket and have climbed their

way into County Division 3 South. Sparsholt and Hambledon, who hit 300-plus first round scores, collide at the Norman Edwards Ground, with Easton & Martyr Worthy hosting Hursley Park at Cockets Mead.

Ellingham travel north to Eversley, first round conquerors of Paultons, the 2012 county champions, and Rowledge are away to Alfold.

<u>Playing catch-up!</u>

By Mike Vimpany

EASTON & Martyr Worthy, Gosport Borough and Locks Heath were still trying to get their points tally into credit in today's second round of Hampshire League, County **Division 1 matches.**

The trio all suffered ten-point pre-season penal-ties imposed by the HCL for either failing to pay their subscriptions on time or slipping up on basic administrative tasks.

It didn't get any better for Gosport when they

played Hook & Newnham Basics seconds either. Relegated from Premier League Division 3 last

Relegated from Premier League Division 3 last season, they contrived to let their guests off the hook at 113-8, post 199 and then win by 57 runs. The evergreen Keith Lovelock (32), a larger than life character in Hook circles, led the Basics recovery, adding vital runs in a ninth-wicket stand with Kishore Parmar (34) before Alex Cates (28) helped Hook push the boundaries beyond Borough's reach.

New Zealander Andrew Tiddy, who hails from the Waikato Valley district of Hamilton, took 3-56 on debut, but will need to do a lot with the bat too if he's to push Gosport into contention for a Premier return.

Gosport fumbled their way to 124 all out, Alex Cates, the former Southampton Solent University left-armer, completing a fine day's work with a 4-36 return.

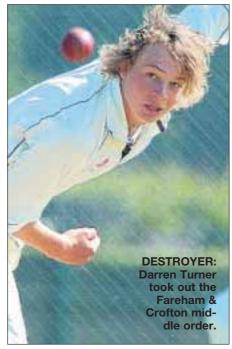
Work with a 4-36 return.
Gosport's neighbours, Fareham & Crofton pulled off a 61-run win at newly promoted Old Basing, where teenage left-hander Tom Kent came to the party with 84 not out.
His knock underpinned Fareham's 226-7 (Luke

Gould 38) and set up a first day win.

Darren Turner (4-32), pictured, took out Fareham's middle-order but apart from opener Nick Turner, who made 52, few players had much to smile about as Old Basing slithered to

165 all out (Gary Wylde 3-28).

The only other opening day winners on a rain affected CD1 start day were Ryde, who beat Midhurst in a truncated games, and Shrewton, who piled up a County Division record 475-4



against St Cross Symondians III. Midhurst would have been a bit miffed to have posted a healthy 269-5 on Ryde's Hardings Shute – only to be hit by the weather which had the Islanders chasing down a more realistic 150 off 28

Tom Hughes (69), Tim Powell (66) and Tom Atkins (64) eased Midhurst to a prominent 269-5, but Ryde got home with seven balls to spare chasing that 150, Lawrence Tolfrey's 57 not out and an upfront 41 by former Southampton University left-hander Ben Wadmore underpinning the run chase.

St Cross Symondians etched themselves an unwanted entry in the Hampshire Cricket League record books. The enormous 475-4 their red faced third team conceded off 50 overs at newly promoted Shrewton is the highest total ever recorded in County Division cricket.

Army Under-25 all-rounder Ryan Frazer and long serving Richard Barnett flayed fours and sixes all around the Shrewton village ground.

Tank driver Frazer made an explosive debut, with 179 not out, shelling five sixes and 23 fours. He shared a 210-run partnership with Barnett, who made 110, with six maximums and 15 fours.

The mayhem didn't finish when their doublecentury partnership ended, because Dan Bingley arrived at the crease to thump a quick-fire 84.

In total, Shrewton, runners up in County 2 last season, hit 14 sixes and 51 fours, so less than half their total runs came in boundaries.

Skipper Tom Postle, who ordered his side to extra bowling practice this week, rotated his seven St Cross bowlers in an unsuccessful attempt to stem the run flow.

But he did get some respite when it rained for 30 minutes midway through the Shrewton

St Cross made 160-9 in reply, James Brooke (53) hitting a valiant half-century in his side's colossal 315-run defeat.

The remaining CD1 matches were hit by rain, including the one at the Sports Ground, where Lymington were 20-1 chasing a revised Locks Heath target of 160 in 33 overs.

Locks Heath earlier posted 222, with Jon

Richardson top scoring with 72 and Guy Layman taking 3-32.

Favourites Waterlooville didn't get that far Ellingham were 128-5 off 38 overs when rain drove the players off the field.

It was a similar story at Cams Hill, where Aton made it to 155-4 against Portchester before the rains came - Brad Kneebone, the Kiwi youngster who went walkabout on Bangkok airport, hitting a stylish 12-boundary 68 not out.





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Solent on crest of a wave



HAPPY: Dominic Cunliffe.

TEAM Solent boss Dominic Cunliffe believes his side's third place finish in Sydenhams One was a "very successful" season.

Despite missing out on the top two and therefore promotion to the Premier Division – which went to champions Brockenhurst and Whitchurch - Solent amassed 64 points and won 20 of their 30 league matches, scoring 65 goals in the process, writes GARY PETERS.

They also made it to the round of the Sydenhams League Cup, losing to Premier Division team Alresford Town.

accrued more points than last season and went further in our

cup competitions," said Cunliffe. "We did have a blip

mid-season when we lost three games on the bounce which dented our promotion chances.

"But, the bottom line is to finish on the podium for a second successive year in what is only our second season in the Wessex League is very pleasing.
"It's slightly disappoint-

ing that we didn't get promoted, but having said that, fair play to Brockenhurst and Whitchurch, who came from nowhere with a great run at the end." great run at the end."

Such was Whitchurch's form – they won their last 13 games - that even

Solent's run of seven wins in eight was not enough to seal promo-

However, Cunliffe was full of praise for his league rivals. "Jim (Whitchurch Macey manager) recruited the right people at the right time and they had a phe-nomenal record," he added.

"We pushed them all the way, and we can always look back on the what ifs, but on the whole we've had a very success-

We that a very successful season."

With one tough campaign over, thoughts have already turned to next season.
Cunliffe believes they

will again be a strong

He said: "Are we going to win games 4 or 5-0? I don't think we will, it will be by the odd one or two

goals.
"We want to be a strong team, but not a yo-yo one. "We want to be domi-

nant for years to come. "That means forming the foundations for that.

"In our first year we had a first team, this year we've had a first team and reserve team, and next we will have those two and an under-18

We're going to build the

Team Solent fans can also look forward to the team's first foray into the FA Cup in 2013/14.

DOUBLE JOY AS **SAINTS** *U10s* **WIN CUP**

WE'VE WON THE CUP: Saints under-10s after beating Widbrook in their Winchester League Cup final.

SOUTHAMPTON Saints ladies and girls under-10s completed **Winchester & District Girls** League and cup double.

They defeated Widbrook 3-1 in the cup final at The Garrison ground.

HOW THEY STAND - U10

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Saints U10	9	9	0	0	51	27
Widbrook	9	5	1	3	0	16
Winchester Flyers	9	2	2	5	-33	8
Worthys U10	9	0	1	8	-18	1

Southampton Saints ladies and girls first team drew 2-2 at

Portsmouth University in a South West Combination Womens League

Saints twice led through Catherine Browning, with Pompey levelling on both occasions - the second time in the closing stages.

There was an impressive performance from midfield playmaker Roxy Lee-Stewart, who had only just returned from the USA the day before the game.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Oxford United	17	15	1	1	39	46
Keynsham Town	17	15	0	2	61	45
Plymouth Argyle	17	12	1	4	33	37

Forest Green	18	10	2	6	18	32
Swindon Town	17	8	2	7	8	26
Exeter City	17	6	4	7	-1	22
Saints	18	5	3	10	-36	18
Newquay	18	4	1	13	-17	10
Portsmouth Uni	16	2	1	13	-40	4
Keynsham Dev	17	1	1	15	-65	4

under-16s defeated Saints Winchester City Flyers in a double

First off was the Cardington Cup tie, where Saints won 2-1 with goals from skipper Georgina Axton and Cleo Rawlings.

The Cardlington Cup is run using the Champions League format, and will see Saints face Winchester again in the final this weekend.

In the Cardington League, champi-

ons Saints then romped to a 6-0 victory against runners-up Flyers with goals from Olivia Jones (2), Rawlings (2), Bonnie Browning and Axton.

Portsmouth Ladies made the trip overseas to play the Isle of Wight

Pompey had a good trip home having come away with a 2 nil win and heap further misery on to what has been a difficult season for them.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	GD	PT
Saints U16	11	11	0	0	85	3
Winchester Flyers	12	7	0	5	-7	2
Portsmouth	12	6	0	6	-24	1
Widbrook U17	11	3	1	7	-16	1
Isle of Wight U17	12	1	1	10	-38	

Will hits debut century



AUSTRALIA Under-19 captain Will Bosisto celebrated his Totton & Eling debut with an unbeaten century against ECB Southern Electric Premier League rivals St Cross Symondians at the Green Jackets

Ground today.

Bosisto, pictured above, made 100 not out and with James Taylor (73) eased Totton to 243-3.

Zimbabwe teenager Ryan Burl hit 84 before South Wilts col-lapsed from 130-4 to 170 all out (Rob Gibson 4-21) against Havant at Bemerton.

Hampshire Academy were dismissed for 111 by Bashley (Rydal), while Bournemouth were skittled for 86 by Alton, off-

spinner Matt Ireson taking 4-29. An unbeaten 48 by Matt Metcalfe helped Lymington make 175-5 against Ventnor.

Players wanted

BRENDON Bushill Youth FC are looking for interested players at under-eight year level for the 2013-14 season in the Eastleigh & District Mini Soccer League (boys or girls must be seven years of age on September 1, 2013). Please contact manger Mr Martyn Payne on 07801419339 (mobile) ormartynpayell@hotmail.co.uk for more details



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